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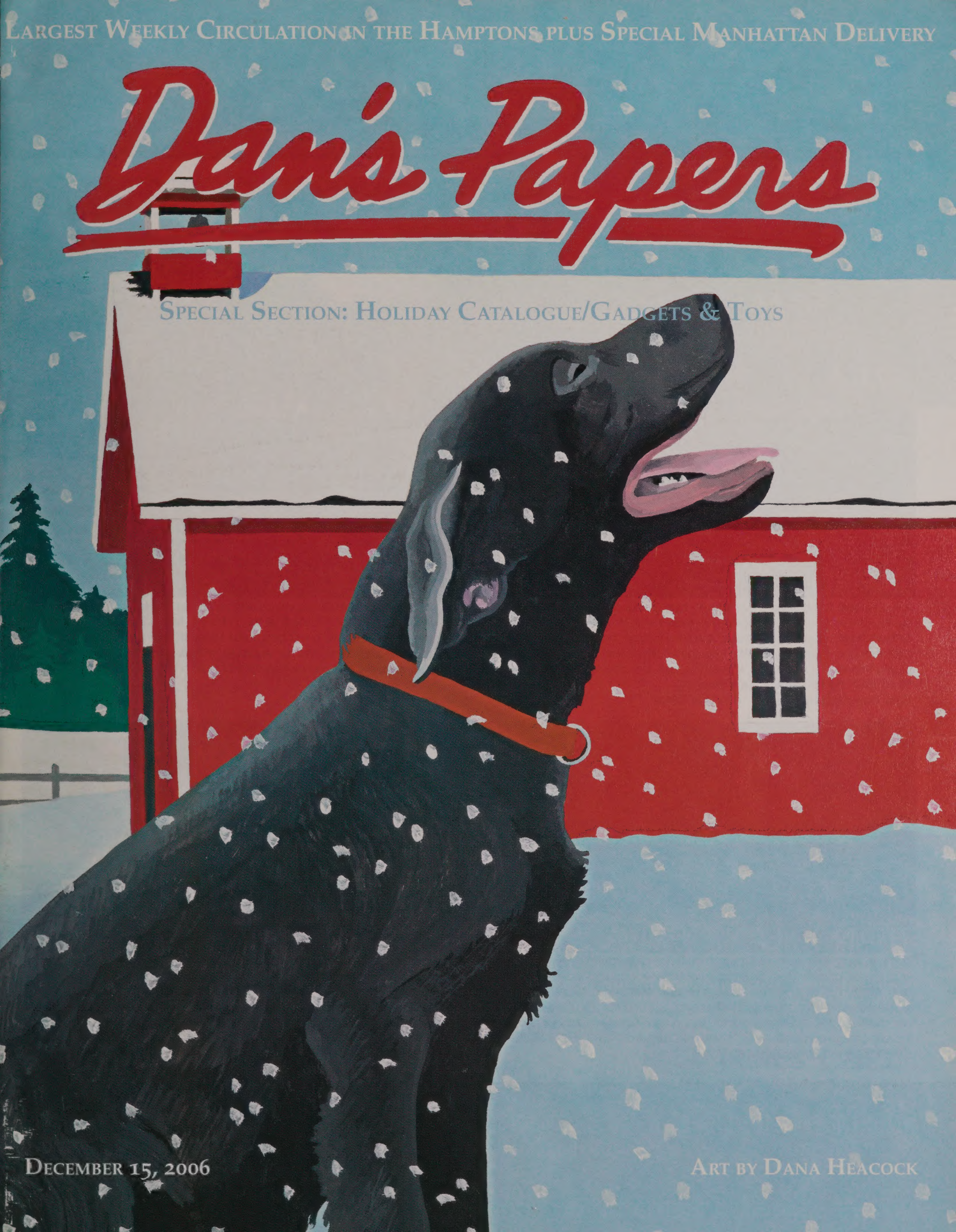

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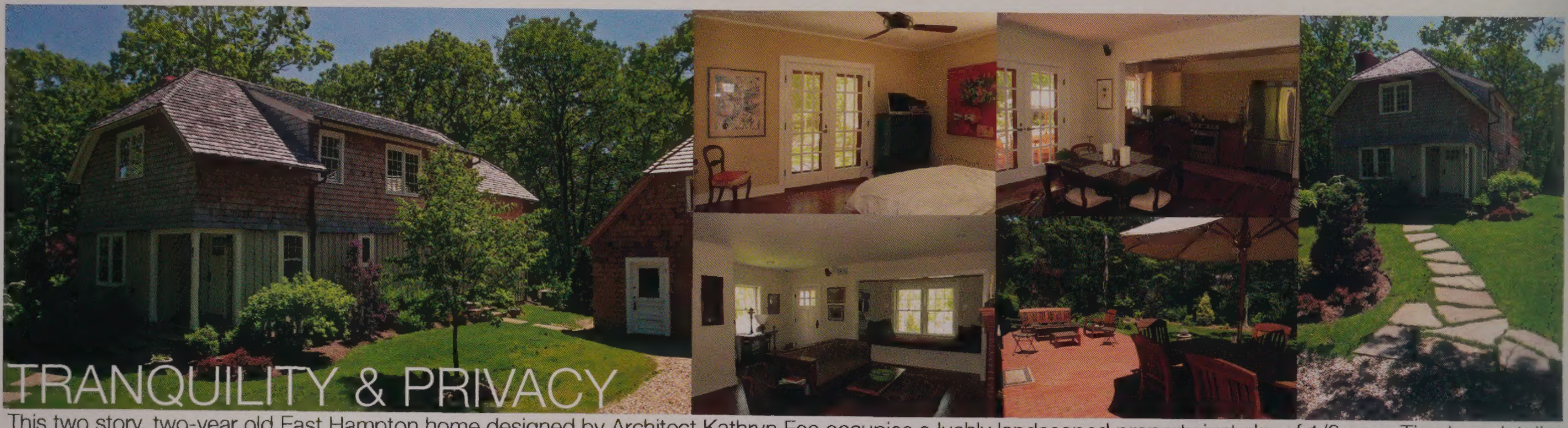

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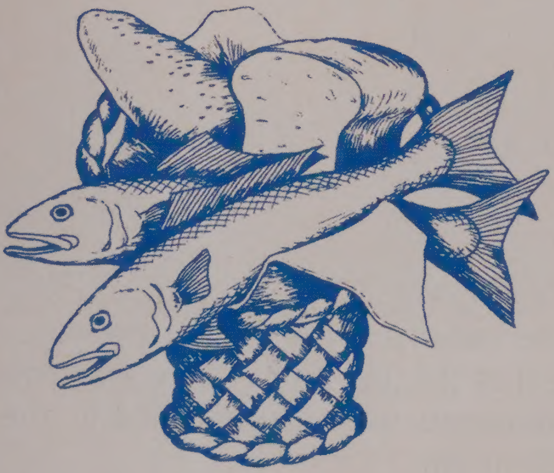

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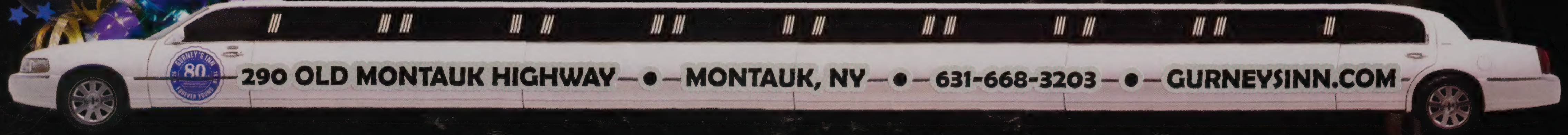

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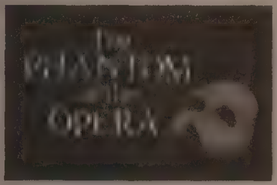
Mamma Mia! Wed., Feb. 14th (Matinee performance) - $160 pp. Mamma Mia collects a group of hit songs by the Swedish supergroup ABBA and shapes them around the story of a single mother coping with her young daughter's marriage on a picturesque Greek isle. Includes orchestra show ticket, lunch at Tavern on the Green and deluxe round-trip transportation. SF


The Phantom of the Opera

The Phantom of the Opera Wed., Feb. 14th (Evening performance) - $185 pp. Now the longest-running show in Broadway history, Andrew Lloyd Webber's The Phantom of the Opera tells the story of a disfigured musical genius who haunts the catacombs beneath the Paris Opera and exerts strange control over a lovely young soprano. Includes orchestra show ticket, dinner at La Petite Auberge and deluxe round-trip transportation. SF

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Philadelphia Flower Show – "Legends of Ireland" Sun., Mar. 4th & Sat., Mar. 10th - $75 pp. The "Legends of Ireland" theme conjures up images of fairies, shamrocks, leprechauns and lots of green. This promises to be a terrific, colorful show. Package includes admission to the flower show and deluxe round-trip transportation. SF

Grey Gardens Wed., Mar. 7th - $170 pp. This show brings to life both the delightfully eccentric aunt and the cousin of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis. Once among the brightest names in the pre-Camelot social register, these two women became East Hampton's most notorious recluses, living in a dilapidated 28-room mansion. Includes orchestra show ticket, lunch at a fine NYC restaurant and deluxe round-trip transportation. SF

Wicked Wed., Mar. 14th - $195 pp. If you think you know the two iconic witches from Oz — the Wicked Witch (Elphaba) and the Good Witch (Glinda) — think again. Wicked takes a revisionist look at an American icon of evil and discovers how the young Elphaba, a passionate, committed young woman from Oz, becomes the Wicked Witch of the West. Her character is contrasted with that of her school roommate Glinda, who grows up to be the Good Witch. Package includes: Orchestra show ticket, lunch at a fine NYC restaurant and deluxe round-trip transportation. SF

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The Pirate Queen Sat., Mar. 31st - $175 pp. Based on the real-life story of the legendary Irish clan leader, Grace O'Malley who led an extraordinary life as a pirate chieftain, lover and mother in sixteenth century Ireland. Package includes orchestra show ticket, lunch at one of NYC's fine restaurants and deluxe round-trip transportation. SF

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Settler Stories

17th Century in the Hamptons, Far Away from Connecticut

By Dan Rattiner

This past Tuesday evening, the Trustees of East Hampton Town, the ancient group who, separately from the Town Board, administers our waterways, wetlands and roads, chose to hold their December monthly meeting in an unheated wooden building to celebrate the anniversary of a famous British patent that helped shape the town. This is how such a meeting was held in Colonial times. The location of the meeting was the Town House, a one-room structure on Main Street. The meeting took place at 6:30 p.m. At 6:30 p.m., it was dark. So they lit the interior of the small building by lantern light. At 6:30 p.m., it was 29 degrees out. So they had a short meeting because it was goddamn freezing.

The thing is that this Town House is not the same as the original Town House built in 1631. That one had a chimney. Fire had been discovered by 1631.

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As it happens, this year is the anniversary of not one but two important British patents that helped shape the town of East Hampton (and also the towns of Southampton and Southold). The first was the Nichols Patent, which was signed by the King of England in 1666. The second was the Dongan Patent, which was signed by the King in 1686. The first is celebrating its 340th anniversary, the second its 320th anniversary. Both, of course, pre-date the founding of the United States.

Here is what was important about them, and how they came about.

Both Southold and Southampton were settled in 1640, twenty-six years before the first of the patents, by English colonists who rowed across Long Island Sound from Connecticut.

> It should be noted that while the British government totally supported all their colonies in the Americas with soldiers, the Dutch government did not.

East Hampton was founded in 1648 (although an Englishman named Lion Gardiner brought his family and servants across to Gardiner's Island in 1639.)

At the time all this was going on, Boston was the major British port town in the area. The Dutch had their own port town, a walled fort on Manhattan Island, which they called New Amsterdam. Between New Amsterdam and the British towns on the East End of Long Island, there was a vast uninhabited tract of land. There was little contact between New Amsterdam and the East End.

And so, it seemed natural that the East Enders would turn to New England for support and guidance, even though, there was no formal arrangement between them.

In 1654, some local people in East Hampton accused one of their own of being a witch. It was a serious charge. If she were a witch, she would be burned at the stake. And so, the leader of the community, John Gardiner, turned to the Colony of Connecticut for help in putting her on trial. She was taken to a courtroom there, but the evidence was slim and she was acquitted and sent home. But the townspeople continued to shun her. As a result, she appealed to Lion Gardiner and he gave her shelter as a servant on Gardiner's Island, away from all the townspeople. She and her husband lived there the rest of their lives.

The common belief today is that she was just a nasty, gossipy woman who happened to be in the wrong place at the wrong time. She was accused of being a witch when she went to visit 18-year-old Elizabeth Gardiner, the daughter

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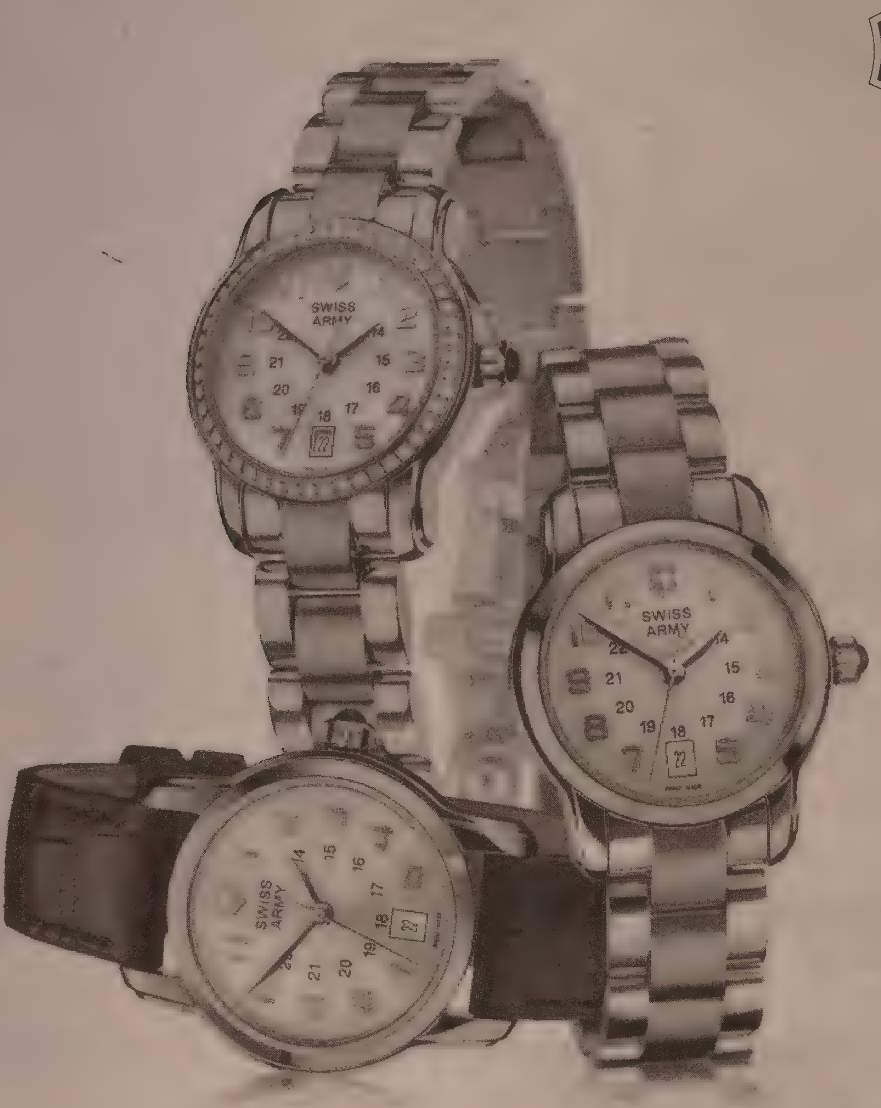

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South O' the Highway (and the North too)

The Picture Show will present actor **Eli Wallach** in conversation with film critic **Jeffrey Lyons**, live on stage after a screening of the *The Misfits* on Friday, December 15 at 8 p.m., at the Bay Street Theatre in Sag Harbor. The following evening is a conversation with **Lauren Bacall** and **Sidney Lumet,** also hosted by Jeffrey Lyons, following the screening of *Murder On The Orient Express,* also at 8 p.m. Proceeds go toward supporting The Picture Show at Bay Street programming. A portion of the proceeds will also go to the National Film Preservation Foundation. Tickets available by phoning the Box Office at 631-725-9500. Tickets available for purchases online at www.baystreet.org.

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Jim Dolan's band, J.D. & The Straight Shot, performed at **B.B. King's** blues bar in New York City last week to benefit the Lustgarten Foundation for Pancreatic Cancer Research for an audience of A-list celebrities, including Sag Harbor's own **Allan Houston**, models **Jennifer Ohlsson**, **Camilla Thorsson**, and Victoria's Secret Angel **Selita Ebanks**.

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Supermodel and Hamptonite **Christy Turlington** is also a supermom. She had to miss hubby **Ed Burns'** Grand Classics screening of *The Last Picture Show* at Soho House to stay home with the kids, but the event was still a smash. Attendees included director **Whit Stillman**, designers **Anait Bian**, **Geoffrey Bradfield**, **Alex Wraith**, **Mark Langrish** and **Kate Schelter**. Burns went home with a surprise for his supermodel wife — an 18-karat, yellow gold "Christy" pendant from Tous jewelers.

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Event planner **Alison Minton** hosted her signature Party in Style at **Judith Ripka's** flagship boutique on Madison Avenue last week. Guests including Hamptons fashion designer **Jackie Rogers**, actress **Christy Scott Cashman**, **Michel Witmer**, **Michele Gerber Klein**, **Alex Wraith**, **Dr. Peter Theodorou**, **Emma Snowden-Jones**, **Melissa Berkelhammer** and **Dr. Eric Berger** all shopped for sparkling gems at the party to benefit The Humane Society of New York. Minton plans to bring the successful parties to the Hamptons next summer.

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East Ender **Janna Bullock**, **Gregory** and **Muffie Potter Aston**, also hosted a benefit for Memorial Sloane Kettering, with a guest list that included designers **Dennis Basso**, **Tory Burch**, **Douglas Hannant**, **Carolina Herrera**, **Francisco Costa**, **Michael Kors**, **Nicole Miller**, **Ralph Lauren**, **Cynthia Rowley**, **Alvin Valley** and **Vera Wang**, who all had decorated containers filled with fabulous materials by **Meredith Waga Pérez** of

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REAL ESTATE NEWS:

Getting Real About Real Estate and Mortgage Markets

Important information for buyers, sellers and homeowners

By John Sauro:

The Federal Reserve, which controls interest rates, has gotten what it wanted with 17 rate hikes: an orderly settling of the real estate markets with high levels of activity, as stated at its last meeting. What does this mean? It means that the increase in mortgage rates have taken some of the steam out of the real estate market, but so far has not hurt the market. Instead, the real estate market is returning to healthier, realistic levels similar to those in the years prior to the recent run up in prices. Even with the downturn in the market, this year is expected to be the third strongest year in real estate nationally.

The Job Market is a Leading Indicator of Real Estate Strength.

One good way for us to gauge the real estate market, is to look at the job market. The job market remains strong, which bodes well for the real estate market. Healthy employment means a healthy real estate market for us. When people are working, they are able to meet their mortgage obligations. The current unemployment rate of 4.6% is still at historic lows.

So, what should you expect if you're buying or selling a home? First, forget all the negative media hype. This is a strong market still for both buyers and sellers. If you're a buyer, it means that there are more realistically priced houses to choose from. While mortgage rates are higher than a year ago, they are still at historically low rates and even more importantly, there are many more mortgage options today than years ago, that make it helpful in keeping payments and costs low.

Get a Mortgage Commitment First.

One way to have the upper hand is to have a mortgage commitment before you make an offer on a house. A mortgage commitment is not just a pre approval letter. It's a commitment to lend and turns you into a cash buyer. This gives you great negotiating power when buying, because the seller doesn't wait for you to get a mortgage, you already have it.

If you're a seller today, it will be necessary to adjust your thinking and price your house accordingly at realistic prices. The days of houses selling in hours at inflated prices are over.

The speculators have left the marketplace, and construction has caught up with demand. Listen to your real estate agent, they know the market and can price your house to sell if you truly need to move.

Use Creative Financing like Blanket Mortgages.

If you have a house for sale currently, it may take a couple more months of marketing time to sell. However, homes that are priced right are moving. In addition, as this market settles, there will be more buyers who have been waiting for the market to shake out the speculative sellers and become more value conscious.

A common concern for home owners wanting to trade up is that they are hesitant to buy the next home before they sell their existing one. This can result in lost opportunities. However, there is a solution. You can take out what's called a Blanket Mortgage. This allows you to buy a new home before selling the existing one, by tapping the equity in the existing home. The payments are about half those of a conventional loan, which makes it easy to carry until the existing home is sold. Also, a Blanket Mortgage may not require any cash down on the new home purchase. Thereafter, you can pay the new Blanket Mortgage down from the proceeds of your sale and the payments will re-adjust without the need for costly refinancing.

Blanket Mortgages give you more time to sell the existing home and diminishes the pressure to take an offer. It also gives a buyer more negotiating power on the purchase of a new home, being that you are now positioned as a cash buyer. Unlike equity loans, Blanket Mortgages are a creative strategy. This mortgage is not typically available at most banks, but there are mortgage companies that offer them. This financing method is particularly attractive in this real estate market.

Adjustable Rate Mortgages vs. Fixed Rate Mortgages.

What about mortgage rates? Should you take out an Adjustable Rate Mortgage (ARM)? Or should you go with a fixed rate loan? Rates are still historically low on both. One thing to look at is whether you believe that rates will go up, down or remain the same. Some believe that The Fed is done raising rates and will actually ratchet *down* rates starting in the first quarter of 2007. If that happens, then a monthly adjustable mortgage would make the most sense, because you would then get the benefit of rates dropping without having to refinance.

If you think rates will go up, then you obviously will want to lock into either a 30 year fixed rate or an ARM that is locked for 3, 5, 7, or 10 years.

Determining how long you intend to live in a residence can help decide the right amount of years to fix the rate of the loan. Be sure to check for any prepayment penalties that might get in the way of selling or refinancing in the future. Determine how much cash you want to put down on a home purchase. You may be in a position to put down a large down payment, but before you do, be sure you won't need to use that cash in the future. Many people tend to put down a large down payment in order to keep the mortgage balance and monthly payments low, only to refinance or take out an equity loan in the future for other matters that come up, such as remodeling or college tuition. If you're buying a home that costs more than expected, you can consider a mortgage with an interest only optional payment. This will keep the payments more affordable and offer the opportunity to pay down the balance in the future.

If cash for the down payment is an issue, consider 100% financing. Especially if you have the cash but have it in an investment portfolio or business that provides you with an attractive return on investment.

What about Equity loans?

Most Equity loans are tied to the Prime Rate, which is 3% above The Fed Funds rate. This is a very volatile index and many people are currently consolidating their equity loans into new first mortgages even if the rate on their first mortgage is low. Equity loans and lines of credit are generally good for short term financing and were very attractive a couple of years ago but have fallen out of favor since rates have risen.

Compare the total monthly payments on your first mortgage and equity loan with that of a new first mortgage. Lets say you have a $400,000 first mortgage at 5.75% with a payment of $2,334 and a equity loan for $250,000 at 9.50% (Prime + 1.25%) with a payment of $2,330 for a total monthly payment of $4,664. Compare that to a new 30 year fixed rate mortgage of $650,000 with a rate of 6.50% and a monthly payment of $4,108 for a total monthly savings of $556.00. Do the math on your home financing or ask a qualified mortgage professional to prepare a comparison for you.

You may be pleasantly surprised.

While no one has a crystal ball, it's important to remember that interest rates and the real estate market are cyclical and it's believed interest rates have peaked. Some think The Fed has accomplished what it set out to do, slow down the economy and keep inflation at bay. If The Fed were to raise rates again, they run the risk of slowing down the economy too much, too quickly. As it is, The Fed has had a habit of over tightening and many experts are calling for The Fed to drop rates early in '07.

So whether you're in the market to buy or already own a home, do your homework, find out all your options. If you don't have time to stay up to date with the markets, then be sure to work with the real estate and mortgage professionals who know the markets and options best for your circumstance. You'll want advice on one of the toughest choices, which mortgage is best for you. Be sure to check credentials. A mortgage is a big part of your overall financial portfolio, so the advice you get will have an effect on one of your biggest investments, your home.

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of John, who was quite sick. In her bed, semi-conscious, she declared that Goody, who was now at the foot of her bed, had put a spell on her. The next morning she was dead.

In fact, Goody ENCOURAGED the idea that she had special powers.

"The conduct of Goodwife Garlicke was not such as to disarm and quiet suspicion," reads one of the documents presented at trial. "Upon her examination it was, among other things, proved that she had used various herbs to bewitch with; that she had said she had no objection to be thought a witch, and had said she 'had as good please the Devil as anger him.'"

A hellion would seem to be a more apt description of Goody Garlicke. But she got off.

New York State Flag

That same year, probably because of the trial, a petition was sent to Hartford from both Southampton and East Hampton asking that they be united with the Colony of Connecticut in an alliance for the purpose of counsel and defense. Connecticut agreed.

At the time, there was another Colony in what is now Connecticut. It was New-Haven. Southampton and East Hampton did not petition New-Haven because New-Haven did not allow citizens of a community to elect people to the Common Council unless they were of a particular religion — Episcopalian. Connecticut, which allowed people of any religion to be on the Council, therefore was chosen by the people of the South Fork. The North Fork residents — the Town of Southold — didn't mind this restriction and joined New-Haven.

In any case, nobody wanted anything to do with New Amsterdam. These were people who spoke a different language. And Holland was in an alliance with other countries against the King.

In 1654, having received letters from the Governor of Connecticut about the Dutch, the people of East Hampton made an interesting decision. They numbered about 150 people at the time.

"Having considered the letters that came from Keneticut, wherein we are required to assist the power of England against the Dutch; we Doe think ourselves called to assist the said Power."

Things began to change in the early 1660s when the colony of Connecticut began to expand nearer and nearer to the fort at New Amsterdam. It should be noted that while the British government totally supported all their colonies in the Americas with soldiers, the Dutch government did not. New Amsterdam was the creation of a group of merchants formed together as the Dutch West Indies Company. And if there were Dutch soldiers there, they were really just police officers and security guards who had been hired by that company back in Holland. New Amsterdam was run as a business.

By early 1665, the British realized that New Amsterdam was theirs for the taking. The British Navy arrived in Connecticut carrying soldiers. On February 6, the Dutch West Indian Company ordered all officers and colonists to war against the English. And in June of that year, the governor of the newly formed Colony of New York notified the East End towns that the Crown had now declared war against the Dutch and to be on the lookout for enemy warships and, if spotted, form militias to travel to the western end of the island to await instructions. Later in the summer, the British Navy parades in front of the Fort of New Amsterdam demanding the surrender of its governor, Peter Stuyvesant, and he complied. The British took over. And Peter Stuyvesant sailed back to Holland to try to explain how he lost New Amsterdam.

With events happening so fast, Governor Nicholls of the Colony of New York, moved quickly to consolidate the gains. He refused to issue a patent to the new officials in the City of New York allowing them to become separate and distinct from the State. At the same time, he began issuing patents to a variety of towns in Westchester, Queens and eastern Long Island allowing them to form towns of their own within the state of New York. He offered them broad powers.

The East End communities, particularly East Hampton, objected. In 1664, they appealed to the colony of Connecticut to keep them in Connecticut's jurisdiction. But when the Duke of York, through Governor Nicholls, repeated his order that the eastern Long Island towns should be under the jurisdiction of New York, there was not much they could do.

The Nicholls Patent gave them wide powers. They signed on. It was a short honeymoon.

Shortly after Governor Nicholls issued his patents, he also authorized the formation of

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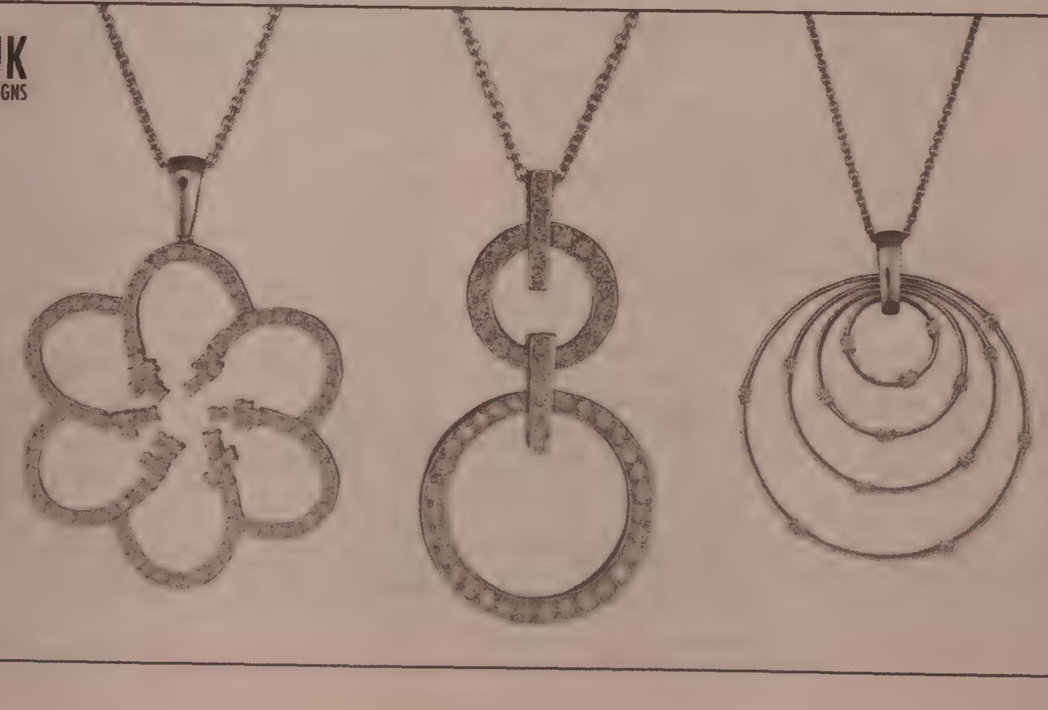

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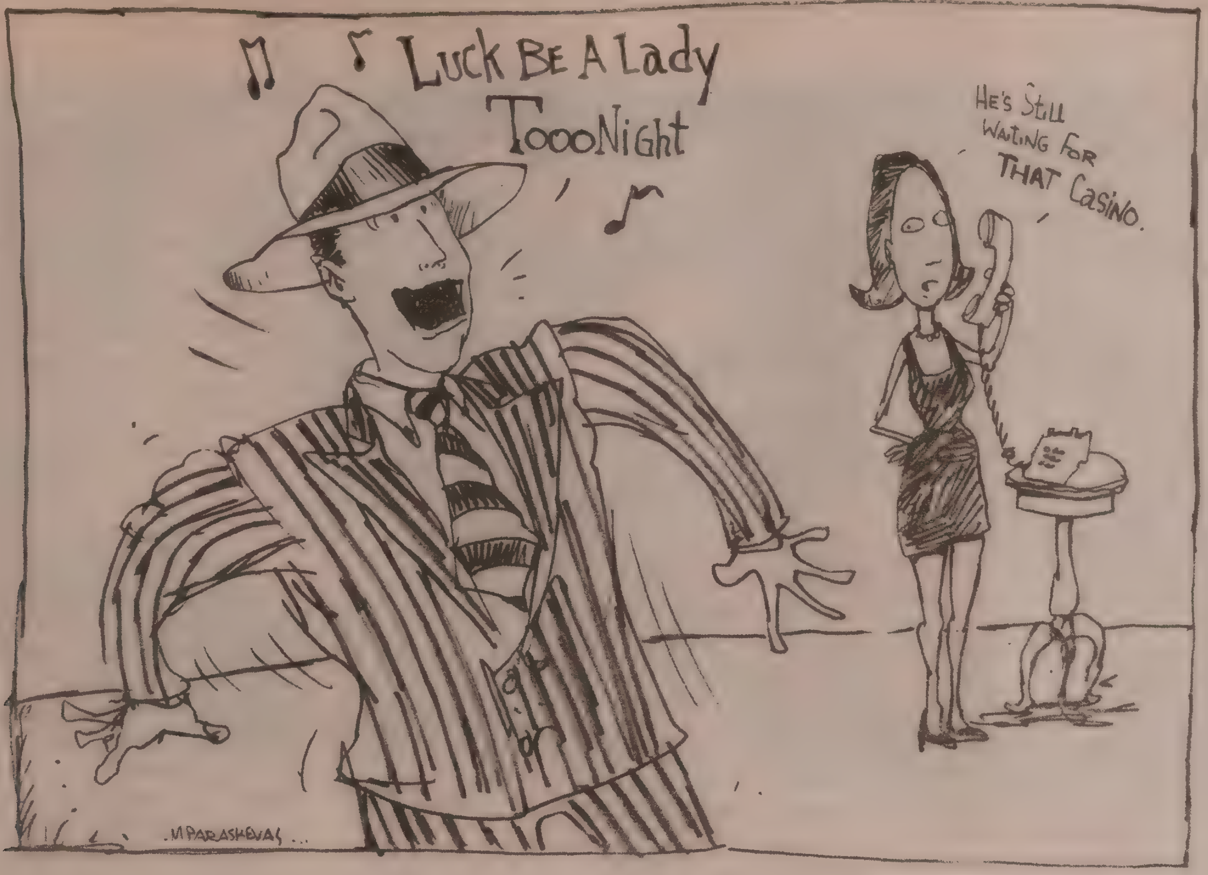
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Indians Lose a Case

The Shinnecock Nation Won't Be Evicting You After All

By Dan Rattiner

For the last year, the residents of a good part of the town of Southampton have lived under the cloud of a lawsuit filed by the Shinnecock Indian Nation in that town. The lawsuit laid claim to all the land in town from about where McDonald's is today all the way to the Shinnecock Canal. This would include the National Golf Links, the Stony Brook Southampton College, the Shinnecock Golf Club and the Greek Orthodox Church as well as all other institutions and residence in the proscribed area. McDonald's too.

> Meanwhile, the newcomers, the townspeople, did continuously and openly claim the land. So the land is theirs.The Shinnecocks plan an appeal.

The Shinnecocks claim that about two hundred years ago, at about the time the Southampton Town government gave up any claims to the 800-acre tribal grounds on the peninsula of land where they now have their reservation, a second deal involving a lease was agreed upon regarding this much larger area. And the Town reneged on those arrangements. Therefore that lease had to be null and void. And so therefore the tribe still owned the land.

Judge Thomas C. Platt, a Federal Judge who agreed to hear the case in spite of the fact that the plaintiff still has not been recognized by the Federal Bureau of Indian Affairs, (the tribe IS recognized by the State of New York), ruled last week against the tribe. In a 17-page decision, based on all he heard in his courtroom over the past year, he said that although it was clear to him the 155-year-old deal had been reneged upon, the tribe could not make the claim for the land. He ruled for the Town.

The reason he gave was because of a particular American civil law that involves what is known as adverse possession.

If you live on a half acre of land next to an absentee neighbor who has a whole acre and for a period of fifteen years fence off his land and proactively and clearly claim that it is yours, it will become yours after the fifteen years are up, provided that the neighbor during that whole time does not dispute the claim.

The Indians got cheated out of their land in 1849. From time to time, they claimed this land as theirs. But they did not do so continuously — and no historical record exists to say that they did — for periods less than the fifteen years necessary for them to keep their rights to the property. Meanwhile, the newcomers, the townspeople, did continuously and openly claim the land. So the land is theirs.

The Shinnecocks plan an appeal.

In a related matter, the Shinnecocks are proceeding with a case involving land that everyone agrees that they DO own, about 50 acres of woodland in northern Hampton Bays. The Shinnecocks wish to build a gambling casino or bingo parlor on this land. It belonged to a local man in Southampton for many years in the early twentieth century, and this man, having befriended the Shinnecock people and noting that no structures had ever been built on it — none are on it today — and that the Indians would conduct sacred tribal ceremonies on it, just GAVE the land to the Shinnecock Nation. They would be free to use the land in whichever way they wished, provided of course that they abided by the laws of Southampton Town in whose jurisdiction it sits.

Under those circumstances, the Shinnecocks, treated as a private entity such as a corporation or a partnership, would not be permitted to build a casino on this property. It is zoned residential. But the Shinnecocks, treated as a sepa-

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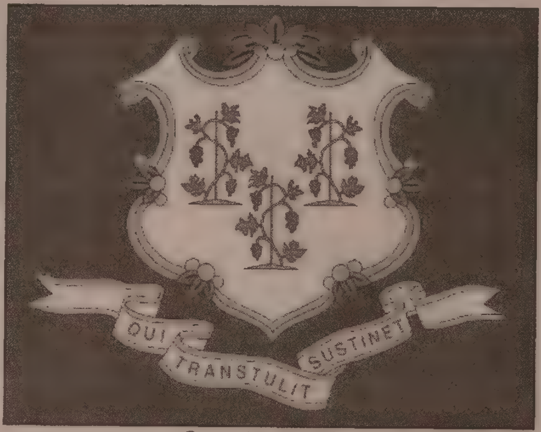
three General Assemblies. Upstate New York would be North Riding, New York City and Westchester comprised South Riding, and eastern Long Island comprised East Riding. He had promised, in his Patent, to sign off on all the laws passed by these assemblies. But as it turned out, he signed off on them only if he liked them.

One of the most controversial laws involved who could buy property in the "ridings." East Hampton, for example, passed a law which said that no entertainment or sale of accommodations be made to "any scandalous person or persons." Others followed with similar laws. The idea was that the English crown would not be allowed to offer up lands in these towns to favored Royal persons in England who wanted a free pass to property in the New World. But Governor Nicholls would not have it.

The local towns also wanted NOT to have to pay taxes to the State of New York.

In June of 1682, the local townspeople of East Hampton, meeting after a General Training of the Militia, drew up and signed a petition to the Governor of New York in which they demanded the rights given to them in the Nicholls Patent. This, it is believed, is the first time that colonists made strong demands on their British governors.



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Referring to the Nicholls Patent of 1666 they wrote, "But may it please your honour to understand that since this time we are deprived and prohibited of our Birthright, Freedoms and Privileges to which both we and our ancestors were borne; although we have neither forfeited them by any misconduct of ours, nor have we at any time been forbidden the due use and exercise of them, by command of our Gracious King, that we know of.......Laws and Orders have been imposed upon us from time to time without our consent, (and therein we are totally deprived of a fundamental privilege of our English Nation,)......so that we are become very unlike other of his Majesty's subjects in all other colonies here in America......and remain discouraged with respect to the settlement of ourselves and posterity after us."

As a result of this letter, the new governor of New York, Governor Dongan, in 1683, came to the eastern end of Long Island himself to see what was going on. His recommendations to the King after his visit were extraordinary. He said New York should annex Connecticut.

"For the most part, the people of (Long) Island, especially towards the east end, are of the same stamp with those of New-England......" he wrote. "We found by experience, if that place be not annexed to that Government it will be impossible to make any thing considerable of his Majesty's Customs and Revenues on Long Island."

When the King declined to make that move, Governor Dongan disbanded the General Assemblies in all the ridings. There would be no more local laws. Then he demanded the colonists sign a new patent, the Dongan Patent, which he drew up for that occasion.

The Dongan Patent, any way you look at it, is an ingenious document. On the one hand, it confirms the earlier Nicholls Patent. And it also confirms that the townspeople have the right to oversee all the public lands of that community and to freely "enjoy without hindrance recreational activities such as fishing, hawking, hunting and fowling."

Then it deals with two of the major demands of the residents. One is that they do not want to be taxed by the State. And the other is that they don't want any of the public lands being awarded to English nobles. Regarding the awarding of lands to those chosen by the crown, Dongan addressed the major piece of remaining public land in the community, which was Montauk. He wrote that the East Hampton Trustees, the group of men who

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rate nation — could make its own laws about what they want to do there. They are recognized by the state as an independent tribe after all. They are going to court to pursue those rights.

In some ways, this second lawsuit asserts that they be considered owners of this land in the same way that, for example, the residence and offices of an embassy from a foreign country are considered. I do not know if, in terms of building materials and zoning laws, structures built on a property owned by a foreign country — and yes , embassies are considered foreign soil — the foreigners have to abide by the rules of the community or by the rules of their back-home country, but I do know that Diplomats who work in those Embassies do not have to obey traffic laws and parking regulations when driving around in the cities where they are located.

The real bottom line here is that the Shinnecock Indian Nation, as an entity, owns all the tribal land in the reservation and the 400 or so tribal members who live there — and are considered tenants by banks — do not have the ability to obtain credit cards or mortgages or even get a credit rating that would take into account the residences they have on that property. The failure to decide who gets what rights and who owns what has helped create true poverty on this reservation in the midst of plenty. This needs to be addressed and once and for all decided upon so everybody can proceed.

Poof

Stealing 17,000 Student Identities at a College on Long Island

By Dan Rattiner

Nassau County College here on Long Island has 21,000 students, about 1,500 professors and a wide range of course offerings, including a class on credit ratings and identity theft. Last Monday, the identities of all 21,000 students were stolen.

What happened was just one of those things. The names, addresses and social security numbers of all the students was on a computer in the administration building in Farmingdale, protected by a password. A clerk, told to add to each student's file, information about student activities they were participating in, was given a print out of each activity — football, school newspaper, acting club and so forth — and then told to cross reference the names into the computer. The clerk, however, was not one of those computer savvy people, and felt it would be easier to do the job by printing out the entire list alphabetically and then, in pen, adding the activity onto the printed list, then transferring the information back to the computer.

Clerks know how to create big thick bound books. And so the computer list was printed out, covered and bound, and placed onto the clerk's desk with a thump. This was going to be a big job. And so, the clerk rolled up her sleeves and before she began, decided to go to the bathroom. When she came back, the book was gone.

Called in were the Nassau County Police Department, the Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Obviously, somebody in the administration building did this, probably somebody who knew the book was being print-

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GENERAL PINOCHET. LOVE HIM OR HATE HIM?

By Dan Rattiner

General Augusto Pinochet died in Santiago, Chile early this week. There was rioting in the streets. Some people rioted because he was a brutal dictator who ran the country for twenty years with an iron hand. Others said he brought prosperity to Chile, brought the country out of poverty and converted it to the most prosperous nation per capita in Latin America. Late in life, he had himself replaced by a Democratic government and then retired to Spain. But when he was 83, he was ordered brought back by the Democratic government that had replaced him so he could be put on trial for his sins and hanged. Now his death has robbed the people of a show trial. He was 91. The police had to bring out the fire hoses.

The President of Chile, Michelle Bachelet, says that she will not personally attend Pinochet's funeral, because she was among those tortured by his henchmen. And so was her father. But on the other hand, he should be given a full military funeral with a 21-gun salute and all the trimmings. She would send her Secretary of State.

Pinochet was, of course, on excellent terms with the United States through both Democratic and Republican Administrations.

It was also reported this morning that the Iranian Government has been secretly providing weapons to Hezbollah in Lebanon not just to fight Israel, but also to fight the Sunni Iraqis by funneling weapons to the Shiite Iraqis.

Also in the news was the report that we have begun providing India with technical skills and advice about how to run their nuclear weapons program. They decided not to join the anti-proliferation treaty, but what the hell, they are a big important country and we'd like to stay friends.

You know, I am really confused about how we decide which countries are supposed to embrace Democracy and renounce nuclear weapons and which are ok not doing that. •

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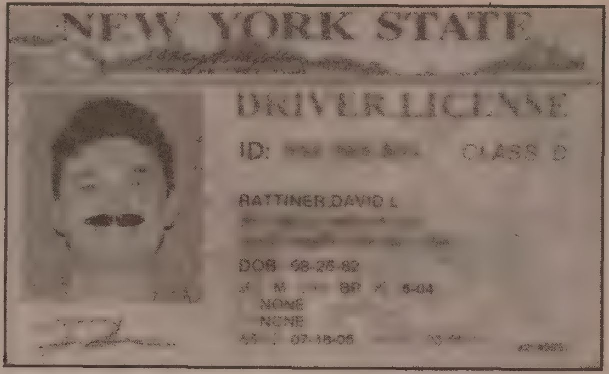
ed out and got within a dozen yards or so from the desk just waiting for the clerk to go to the bathroom. Or maybe the clerk had made some backroom deal with members of the underworld. Or maybe the book just got put someplace accidentally. The bathroom might be a suspected location. And so names were taken, and clerks and passersby who happened to be in the administration building at the time are being interviewed and the whole area is being dusted for fingerprints. Other officers are looking for the book in lockers, behind filing cabinets, above ceiling tiles, in wastebaskets. The Nassau County Police Department Third Squad is leading the investigation. Maybe it fell off the desk into the trash. The garbage has had to be gone through.

Kenneth K. Saunders, who is Vice President for academic and student services, has written a letter to each and every student — the names are still on the computer protected by a password — and in this letter he is advising them that the school will do everything it can to retrieve this book, but in the meantime, they should each call one of the three national credit bureaus and tell them what happened and urge these bureaus to be on the lookout for any dramatic changes in either the identities of the students or the activities they purportedly engage in. He included in this letter, the name of the three bureaus and their telephone numbers.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The credit bureaus will, of course, filter all of this down to the banking community, which will then closely monitor bank accounts and so forth. And there will be a cost for this service, which, Nassau County Community College VP Saunders, wrote that the college will bear since they were the cause of all of this.

Meanwhile, reporters for different radio, television news services, and newspapers have fanned out to interview the 21,000 people who have apparently had their identities stolen to ask them how they felt about all this. Most talked freely with these reporters, but almost nobody would give their last names.

"Call me Biff," one student told *Newsday*. "And yes, I am worried about this." •

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would enforce the patent, would have the "first rights" to the sale of that land before anyone from far away. But they would have to PAY for that right. They WOULD need to send the Crown a payment of 40 shillings a year for that right.

It was, in effect, a tax, and it established the crown's ability to tax the settlers. But the settlers missed the point. They signed and paid. And ever since, the provisions of the Dongan Patent, upheld today by the United States Supreme Court, have been in effect. Thus was the State of New York able to point to the Dongan Patent, even in colonial times, as the document that established the ability of the Crown to tax the Long Island settlers.

Four times in the last thirty years, a local fisherman, puttering around in the bay with a copy of the Dongan Patent in his wheelhouse as he put out his lines to go fishing, has been issued a summons for not having a New York State fishing license. Stuart Vorpahl has each time gone to court. And each time the State has backed down.

Today, there is a nastier battle going on in court about the Dongan Patent. Because of the noise and upset they make, Jet Skis and Wave Runners have been banned in most of our creeks and harbors. But John Lagana, who has a home in Rockland County and a summer home in East Hampton, is fighting a legal battle to get reversed ten summonses he received from the State for riding a Jet Ski in the harbor.

He says his right to use a Jet Ski is protected by the Dongan Patent. And he intends to fight it right up to the Supreme Court if necessary. He has already spent more than $10,000 in legal fees. The Town, in defense, has spent the same.

He may be right, considering the Supreme Court supports the Dongan Patent.

His claim is opposed by the Town, whose lawyer says, "Mr. Lagana's claim is tantamount to saying King James II still runs the government."

Meanwhile, the Town Trustees, the ancient group of nine men who meet in either the cold and dark or warmth and light once a month, have waffled about supporting Mr. Lagana. They filed a "friend of the court brief" in support of Mr. Lagana. But then they withdrew it.

Stuart Vorpahl had this to say; "If the trustees do not back Mr. Lagana's reading of the patent, they stand to lose all their authority."

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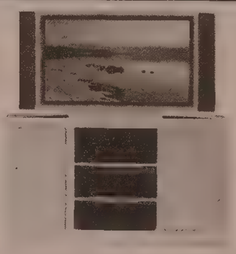

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Laptop Catastrophe

Dell Workers in India, Texas and Canada Spring Into Action

By Dan Rattiner

In September, I was in my living room, writing a story for this newspaper while periodically glancing up to look out at the boats in Three Mile Harbor, which is always fun to do, when I decided to make myself a cup of coffee. I left the laptop on, came back five minutes later, sat down, and went into shock. There were three cracks running down the left side of the computer screen from a single point at the top where it looked like something had hit it. Spreading out from the cracks were black blotches of ink. All of this was enclosed within the screen.

I immediately tried to save what I had written up until that point, trying to escape from the blobs, and what do you know, it worked. Indeed, everything worked. I immediately backed things up. I'd abandon ship. Women and children first.

Losing a laptop like this, and this is the first time I have had this experience, is several steps down from losing a child, but small steps. It took several minutes for me to gain my composure.

Finally, after lying down, and hyperventilating for a while, I got up from the sofa, sat back down at my desk and called Dell. I did remember I had purchased a top-dollar repair service where they come the very next day. After several minutes talking to mechanical voices, I got through to a human with a strange accent.

"How did it happen?" he asked.

"It must have been an accident of some sort," I said. "Maybe it hit something or something hit it earlier in the day to set it off the break."

"I have you up on the screen," the man said. "Your service agreement doesn't cover accidental damage. It covers software and hardware damage but not accidents. You will have to send it in. Then they will fix it and send it back."

"How long will it take?"

"Depends, but about twelve working days."

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ANOTHER FOUL-UP IN FLORIDA AT THE POLLS

By Dan Rattiner

There has been a break in the case of the strange voting practices that took place in the 2006 election in 13th Congressional District of Florida this past November. We still don't know who won. But we now know what went wrong with the computerized ballot machines. As usual, it was humans.

For those not familiar with the case, Vern Buchanan was the Republican running for Congress against Christine Jennings, the Democrat. In the final tally, almost 300,000 votes were cast, with Buchanan winning by 386. A recount confirmed it.

But then the Democrats filed a lawsuit. In one part of the County, in a district largely consisting of the City of Sarasota where normally 40,000 votes would come from, it was found that a huge number of people didn't vote for either candidate. They voted in other races. But they said they could not find the place on the video screen where they could vote for Congressmen. Hundreds of them called the local daily paper to report this glitch. When it was looked at, it was found that the people in this district failed to vote for Congressman at a rate nearly ten times what would be considered normal. Something was wrong. And since this district usually voted Democratic, the Democrats wanted a re-vote.

Nothing was wrong with the computerized ballot machines. Nobody tampered with them. One week before the election, in this particular district, the Supervisor of Elections, Kathy Dent, mailed out a sample ballot to every voter in the county. The letter accompanying it said this is what the ballot would look like on the computer screen. But it didn't. Many residents memorized the sample ballot. And when they got to the voting booth and couldn't find the Congressional race, they did a brief on-screen

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review: book signings at east end books

By Renée R. Donlon

Some people were born to run; some were born to stand; and some were born to climb. All of those people and many others who were born to write, edit, draw, and photograph, were at East End Books in East Hampton on Saturday evening for a multi-author book signing. The signing was co-hosted by the store's owner John Brancati, and the director and publisher of Welcome Books, Lena Tabori, whose company either published or distributed all of the books showcased at the signing.

The in-house rock star photographer was Sagaponack's Eric Meola. Years before his photos were displayed in East End books, they were on the cover of Bruce Springsteen's "Born to Run" album. Meola first heard Springsteen in 1972. After seeing Springsteen play again in 1974, Meola made up his mind to meet the man. The weather was on his side. Two weeks later, rain broke out over Springsteen's Central Park show. Meola ducked under the awing of the Plaza Hotel for shelter. The boss had the same idea. Meola eventually took the opportunity to ask Springsteen about the correct wording of certain lyrics in a song on the second album that he could not hear. Springsteen remembered Meola's inquiry when they met again a few weeks later at a Red Bank, New Jersey concert to which Meola arrived three hours early. Within twenty minutes, Springsteen appeared do to a sound check. It was then he saw and remembered Meola. Early the following year, Meola met up with Springsteen again, this time after asking if he could photograph the musician in Asbury Park. The next time Meola asked to shoot Springsteen, it was for the cover of *Born to Run*. Because Springsteen was recording the album, the photo-shoot was canceled four times before Bruce and Clarence actually arrived. When they did, they were exhausted from working in the studio until 4 a.m. the night before. Yet, Meola still managed to capture rock and roll vitality in the seven hundred photographs he shot in their two and a half hours together.

Of course, not all the photos made it onto the album. The outtakes now appear in Meola's book, *Born to Run: The Unseen Photos*. Yet, despite the book's release, Meola's recent work has turned from rock stars to indigenous tribes. Photographing the earth's disappearing places and peoples take him around the globe, including India next month.

Another Indian-bound photographer at the signing was John Ortner. Ortner, spurred on by a love of mountain climbing and a reading of Herman Hesse's' *Siddhartha*, first traveled to Asia after high school. Later, he descended the Himalayas to follow a band of monks and yogi through Nepal and India. As he photographed the holy men, who renounced all earthly comforts in search of enlightenment, Ortner's own interest in Buddhism grew. He delved into Buddhist philosophy and texts as he simultaneously sought Buddhism's temples in the jungles of Burma, Thailand, and Cambodia, where, amidst civil war, he traveled with an armed guard in 1991. It took years for Ortner to receive permission to enter Burma. Once there, he negotiated with monks and governments alike to be allowed to photograph the shrines. Ortner was the first Westerner in thirty years allowed to climb a bamboo scaffold to shoot the highest level of Schwedaga, the world's richest shrine (surpassing the Vatican) with 15,000 jewels and 60 tons of gold on its structure. His book, *Buddha,* includes shots of that temple and others.

No shrines sparkle from the pages of the children's book *Blackie, the Horse Who Stood Still,* but a similar shine is present in the eyes of co-author Christopher Cerf, as he talks about his career in children's publishing and television. The part-time East Hampton resident seems to have spent more time on Sesame Street. Cerf has written and composed over two hundred songs for the television show, including a monster-muppet version of "Shiny Happy People" with REM and an alphabet song with Little Richard. After many years on "Sesame Street," and seven on "Between the Lions," the children's reading show he started, Cerf is possibly the only man in America who is not daunted by the task of writing an educational Dixie Chicks parody for his show's "Dixie Chimps" that both plays in a country waltz and teaches about words that begin with D. Impressive still is that in Cerf's career, songs like that have been interspersed with books about the Iraqi War. Such was indicative of the great array of talent of all the book creators nestled in the little bookstore in the little town of East Hampton.

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Town Supervisor Skip Heany, State Assemblyman Fred W.Thiele Jr,, State Senator Ken LaValle, President Shirly Strum Kenny of Stony Brook University, Santa Claus, Wolfie, Joan Tutt, alumnus, Mrs. Claus and children stand in front of the Windmill.

The Triumph

Stony Brook Southampton Celebrates With Christmas Lights

By Alan-Michael Braveman

Dr. Shirley Strum Kenny, the President of Stony Brook University, said the magic words "Light up the Windmill" on a very cold blustery winter night at the First Annual Windmill Lighting ceremony on the Stony Brook Southampton campus.

The Historic Windmill, built in 1719, has had a variety of identities and owners since it was initially built to grind wheat and be a central meeting and gossiping place. When the property it stands on was called the Tucker Mill Inn, the Old Windmill was some times used as a summer residence for Tennessee Williams. The Tucker Mill Inn was one of the most famous summer "Hot Spots" in the Hamptons in the late 1940s. The Inn closed in 1962 when the owners brought Long Island University to Southampton and sold the University the property that would later become Southampton College. During its heyday, Southampton College used the Windmill as a Dean's residence, for Sunday Teas, and other grand celebrations and parties. Prior to the sale of the Tucker Mill Inn, Mrs. McCarthy told this author, the Inn had been a favorite stopping spot for the famous Hollywood star Rita Hayworth, the Aga Khan and their daughter, Princess Yasmin Khan.

More than 40 years later, the spry and still elegant 85-year-old Mrs. Laurie McCarthy, the widow of Herb McCarthy, joined an enthusiastic but freezing cold crowd of over 200 people to celebrate the lighting of the Windmill on Dec 8th. Also in attendance was the trio of politicians most responsible for seeing that Stony Brook

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WHEN MONTAUK FLEW TO LAS VEGAS FOR NICK

By David Lion Rattiner

"Did you hear that Nick is turning 90 this year?"

"Yes, I did hear that. We should do something really special for him."

"What do you think we should do?"

"How about a surprise party? That's always fun."

"Hmmm. Not bad, not bad. But I was thinking, something a little bit more exciting than that."

"What's your idea?"

"Okay, just hear me out on this."

This was what the conversation must have been like between Nick Monte's wife Lola and her friends while she began planning one of the most incredible surprise birthday parties that this paper has ever heard of.

Everybody loves to plan a surprise birthday party. But when you are a Montauker and reach your 90th birthday, your friends pull out all the stops. Nick Monte, patriarch of the well-known Monte family that owns Gurney's Inn in Montauk, was given the surprise birthday party of his lifetime, and the entire time he thought he was just taking a trip to his house in Las Vegas.

Lola Monte, planned the entire surprise from the beginning, which included about a hundred guests, flight plans, hotel reservations, a Marilyn Monroe look-alike and of course, keeping it all a secret. "That's not an easy thing to do with Nick," says wife Lola.

But using personal invitations, phone calls and e-mails, the entire Monte Family, the Gosmans, the Duryeas, the Hewletts and others all managed to get this entire party together as they piled into airplanes to Las Vegas giggling the entire journey to Sin City. How Nick was not let on to the party was truly an accomplishment in itself, but as the remaining

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Photo by Alan Michael Braveman

Windmill Lit

Southampton became a reality New York State Senator Ken LaValle, State Assemblyman Fred W. Thiele Jr., and Southampton Town Supervisor Skip Heaney. Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus made a special trip on their sled to help out with the famous festivities and they led a group of children in a rousing chorus of Christmas Carols while they waited for the Windmill lighting ceremony to begin. The Stony Brook University mascot, "Wolfie," all 7 feet of him, also attended.

After Dr. Kenny and the crowd gathered round the old Windmill and posed for pictures on the wind whipped hills of the College, Dr. Kenny invited Sister Margaret to give the invocation. Upon the completion of the invocation, Dr. Kenny threw the switch to light up the night sky with the beautiful glow that is created by the decorated Windmill paddles.

The reception afterwards, in Chancellors Hall, was highlighted by the beautiful Winter Wonderland decorations, a beautifully decorated Christmas tree, and very unique Menorah. Alongside was a mountain of diet destroying cookies and cakes and the most mouthwatering, giant Gingerbread house that left everyone assembled clamoring for a piece of it. The creation of the truly unique Windmill cookies with a picture of a windmill on them drew rave reviews from the crowd. The craft tables and goodie bags of gifts for the children were a big hit and the Jazz trio and amazing hot cider were applauded by everyone. According to all, this was the most fun filled Windmill Lighting ceremony in memory. They all stood around, happy to be inside, warming up from the harsh weather.

Kathy Bishop wife of Congressman Tim Bishop, was thrilled to see so many of her students in attendance and explained that her husband would have loved to be there but was still in Washington working to solve some of the government's problems. Congressman Bishop had been very influential in keeping the big box stores and Mac Mansions from buying the campus. He is also a former provost of Southampton College.

The Alumni of Southampton College also gathered for the event. All agreed that Stony Brook University and Dr. Kenny's staff had indeed done an amazing job and far exceeded all their expectations and desires. They also had high praise for Wolfie, the University mascot, as they all cheered him as a welcome and charming addition that they hoped to see a lot more of in the future. All the children shared the happy feelings about the gentle Wolfie that graced their presence and helped make them feel at home. Many had their pictures taken as they were engulfed in the soft paws of the giant mascot.

Shirley Strum Kenny and Dan Rattiner

The lights from the Windmill paddles could be seen gracefully lighting up the dark sky with their calming winter presence as we drove away from the campus along Montauk Highway. The Windmill's Lights seemed to shimmer more brightly than ever before as if to say, "at least for a few moments all is finally right with the world and peace be with you."

Dr. Burke would have loved it.

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	Manhattan / 59th St.	7:40	8:40	9:10	9:40	10:10	10:40	11:40	12:40	1:10	1:40	2:40	3:10	3:40	4:40	5:10	5:40	6:10	6:40	7:10	7:40	8:10	8:40	9:10	9:40	11:10
	Manhattan / 40th St.	8:00	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	12:00	1:00	1:30	2:00	3:00	3:30	4:00	5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	11:30
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	Manhattan / 69th St.	8:35	9:35	11:35	1:35	3:35	5:35	6:35	9:05	9:35
	Manhattan / 59th St.	8:40	9:40	11:40	1:40	3:40	5:40	6:40	9:10	9:40
	Manhattan / 40th St.	9:00	10:00	12:00	2:00	4:00	6:00	7:00	9:30	10:00
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Solar Power

Town Will Vote Whether or Not to Have the Sun Clean the Water

By T.J. Clemente

In Water Mill, a group under the leadership of Steve Abramson, called the "Friends of Lake Nowedonah" hopes to restore Mill Pond, the lovely pond at the west end of town, to its former state — a clean pond where you could take a swim on a hot summer's night. In recent years, geese droppings and runoff have changed the status of the pond. Now thick unpleasant layers of algae have formed on the surface. To solve this problem, the residents, through Mr. Abramson's organization, brought in Bruce Richards, the local representative of an environmental company called SolarBee, to evaluate what could be done.

In 1988, SolarBee became the first company to manufacture a solar powered device that in fresh water lakes can reduce stagnation, remove odors and deal with algae problems. By the year 2004, 600 of these solar powered devices were being deployed throughout the country. The solar power cells can run the SolarBee for twenty-four hours without any sunlight after being fully charged. The device floats on top of the pond while it draws water up from below the surface, through an intake hose, and spreads it across the surface in a near-laminar long distance flow pattern. The patented intake system allows a specific depth to be treated without a risk of disturbing the sediment. Some SolarBee units circulate as much as 10,000 gallons per minute. Even though this unit is fully powered by solar cells, the proposed SolarBee's to be used on Mill Pond are not to be that large.

On December 18, at their next meeting, the Southampton Town Trustees must decide for or against use of the circulators. They must decide if letting this project proceed is in the town's best interest. If approved, Mr. Abramson reported said, the Friends of Lake Nowedonah, would raise the funds needed to clean up the pond. Donations will actively be sought from residents in the immediate area.

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SAG HARBOR'S CHRISTMAS PRESENT FOR BILOXI

By TJ Clemente

The evergreen Christmas trees are up, and at night, their lights form a corridor through the towns and villages of the Hamptons. Some shops pipe out Christmas carols so that those passing on the street can hear them. But the truest feeling of the spirit of Christmas is to talk to Ellen Stahl and Sag Harbor Elementary School Assistant Principal Matt Malone, who have just returned from Biloxi, Mississippi, the new sister town of Sag Harbor. Last Christmas, groups of Sag Harbor families, businesses, office staffs, concerned individuals and school children donated gifts to complete the Christmas list submitted by 74 less fortunate families in Biloxi so that they might have Christmas after the total devastation of Hurricane Katrina. Having lost money, their homes, even the most basic necessities, the efforts of the Sag Harbor citizens were so very deeply appreciated. Ellen Stahl remembers touring Biloxi after Katrina and having one mother say Biloxi looked liked, "Hiroshima, without the radiation."

Principal Malone was received like a visiting dignitary when he visited Biloxi this past week. After attending the reopening of Gorenflo Elementary School, he said, "I was truly touched by what I saw. The children, teachers and families have been through so much, so to see them re-enter their school after more than a year was a beautiful sight." Matt brought with him to Biloxi, a Sag Harbor Elementary School blanket signed by every student in Sag Harbor Elementary School. The presentation was simulcast up to the Sag Harbor school so that all of the children could watch and hear the cheers Matt and Ellen Stahl received from the thankful community of Biloxi. The Blanket is now

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ARTHUR SHIMKIN, 84

Children's record pioneer Arthur Shimkin passed away Monday, December 4 in his New York City home, with his loving family around him.

Born in Brooklyn on October 8, 1922, Mr. Shimkin created Golden Records in 1948, the first record company devoted exclusively to publishing children's records. In the 1950s, he founded the Golden Records libraries, thus creating the largest children's record company in the world. Working with celebrated artists such as Bing Crosby, Danny Kaye, Cab Calloway, Jimmy Durante, Shari Lewis, and Alfred Hitchcock, he inspired major stars to lend their talents to entertaining and educating children. Mr. Shimkin was a driving force behind Disney Records and Bell Records (the predecessor to Arista Records) and the founder of Sesame Street Records, all of which garnered many Grammy Awards for the producer. In 1961, he produced "Young Abe Lincoln", the first children's musical ever on Broadway. A lifelong advocate of teaching literacy, one of his last projects was converting his popular series on phonics, *The Little Red Schoolhouse with Fran Allison*, into DVD format.

As a survivor of cancer of the larynx, Mr. Shimkin became fluent in esophageal speech, and went on to teach and mentor many other laryngectomy patients. He also devoted his expertise to the American Arbitration Association over many years of work as an arbitrator.

He was a man of many passions: master to his beloved dogs Pinky and Ellie, a lifelong tennis player and instructor, a clarinetist and lover of opera and classical music, a man who, like his favorite author Mark Twain, always said what was on his mind. He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Bonnie Lee Sanders, his four sons, David, Jonathan, Carl and Tony, his daughter-in-law, Alicia, and his five grandchildren, Erin, Amanda, Sarah, Isaiah and Paul.

He will be buried at Fort Hill Cemetery in Montauk. The family will be offering a memorial service for him on Wednesday, December 13, at The Library for the Performing Arts' Dorothy and Lewis B. Cullman Center, in the Bruno Walter Auditorium (entrance at 111 Amsterdam Avenue, between 64th and 65th Streets) from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

JOE MARCHESE, 48

Joseph Marchese died on Saturday, December 2, at the age of 48, after a long and valiant battle with brain cancer.

Joe had been the Technical Director at Guild Hall's John Drew Theater since 1998, making the historic theater spring to life with sound and lighting for hundreds of performances. Joe also donated his time to many local theater groups, including the East Hampton Children's Museum, where he provided sound and lighting to the CMEE fundraiser every year until he became ill. He worked with the East Hampton Special Players, because he felt strongly about the program and loved working with children.

Before coming to work at Guild Hall, Joe was the production manager of The Ritz in New York City, and technical director of such venues as New York's Limelight, off Broadway's Archlight Theater and The Bottom Line. His off-Broadway productions include the 1998 Obie Award-winner *I Don't Know Who He Was and What He Said* and *The Mac Wellman Festival (4 Shorts).* He toured worldwide with HBO, Metropolitan Entertainment and served as a sound engineer with many recording artists, including Iggy Pop, Tito Fuentes and Iron Maiden.

He was a devoted and loving husband to his wife, Lea, and a dedicated father to their three children, Joseph Jr., Alex and James. Tax-deductible donations to help the Marchese family can be made to The Greek Orthodox Church of the Hamptons, with a memo line reading "Joe Marchese," and mailed to Joe Marchese, c/o Greek Orthodox Church of the Hamptons, 111 Saint Andrews Road, Southampton, NY 11968. Guild Hall is organizing a memorial service for their beloved technical director on Sunday, December 17 at 1 pm. For more information, call Guild Hall at (631) 324-0806.

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Who's Here

By Dan Rattiner

Todd Rome is a tall, handsome man of 37 who lives with his wife and children in Manhattan, Southampton and Miami Beach. In 2001, he partnered with Ricky Sitomer to found Blue Star Jets. To say that they have turned the business of buying, selling and leasing aircraft upside down would be an understatement.

Before Blue Star, the business was a quiet, some might say staid affair wherein prospective customers either bought aircraft for their corporations and staffed them with a crew, or chartered corporate jets for particular trips, or bought fractions of a particular aircraft. The firm leading the industry when Blue Star came along was Warren Buffett's NetJets. It took Blue Star just three years to surpass NetJets in this business, and for the most recent year, NetJets lost $60 million and complained publicly about the Blue Star competition while Blue Star was in the black. Blue Star does about $200 million in revenue. It's a remarkable story.

Todd Rome
President
Blue Star Jets

"Our job is to get the best price for the best aircraft," Rome says.

I met with Todd Rome in his Manhattan townhouse the other day and he told me how he wound up in this extraordinary business.

"From the time I was 12 years old, I was always buying and selling things."

Rome grew up in South Bellmore here on Long Island, the son of a man who was a court reporter for the New York Supreme Court in Manhattan. When he was 12 years old, he sold kazoos to the Ice Cream Man. When he was at Kennedy High School at the age of sixteen, he started promoting teen parties.

"I'd make a deal with a hall, Channel 80, Spratts, American U. Club 212, Speaks, and arrange for one hit wonders to come in and perform. We'd split the door. I did all the shows on the South Shore, and I had a friend who promoted them on the North Shore. We were very successful."

He went to the University of Maryland where he majored in Business, but immediately saw a need on campus that he thought he could fill.

"All the kids were coming up to college with their parents and all their stuff. Some people came from a long distance. I wondered if it might be a good idea to hire trucks to move the kids things back home when the school year was over and tell the kids they could go in comfort on their own."

He advertised and signed up some of the other students. And when the time came, he simply moved all of their stuff back home for the summer while they went home at their leisure.

And we got this idea. Using our Wall Street experience, would it be possible to make private jets less expensive for everybody?

In January of the next year, he began a business to get roses for the guys at school to give to their girlfriends on Valentine's Day.

"I'd take orders. I had contacts who could get me what I needed from South America very cheaply. Just before St. Valentine's Day, I'd drive out to Dulles Airport and receive the merchandise."

In between his Junior and Senior year, Rome worked for the Lake Success stockbrokerage firm of Stratton Oakmont Inc. He loved the excitement of this work. He never went back to finish his senior year, but instead stayed at the firm.

At Stratton Oakmont, Rome met Ricky Sitomer, a young man the same age, who had the exact same drive as he did.

"We were the only two people who were still there at 11 p.m.," Rome said.

Four years later, they founded Millenium Securities, a retail brokerage firm in Manhattan, at Park and 60th. Rome was President. Sitomer was CEO. They were both 22-years-old. By 2000, when the market seemed to be running out of gas and they thought it was time to close up the business, they were employing between 300 and 400 people.

It was just before the founding of Millenium that Rome met a girl at a restaurant in Manhattan. Carole, it turned out, was one of those kids that had gone to his parties in high school. She was now at Georgetown, where, later, she graduated at the top of her class. The pair were married six months after they met and honeymooned in Hawaii.

It was largely through the experience at Millenium that Rome and his partner Sitomer decided to go into the private jet business.

"We both had houses in the Hamptons," Rome said. "We'd arrange to bring our top salespeople away on a vacation, we'd jet to Florida, helicopter to the Hamptons. And we got this idea. Using our Wall Street experience, would it be possible to make private jets less expensive for everybody? What if we built a kind of trading room, where what we did was match up people who wanted to go places with private aircraft owners who wanted to make use of their planes when they were not being used — say on a return leg back to the headquarters?"

It was this idea that was to turn aircraft leasing on its ear.

"Ricky and I flew out to Wichita, Kansas. We toured every single aircraft assembly line in that city. We learned all about all the different aircraft, where they are, how they go, what they sell for."

And then, in Midtown Manhattan, they created a big trading room, with huge television screens on the walls where teams of salespeo-

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search and then gave up.

The sample ballot sent out was wrong because it had been printed wrong. It said the Congressional race would be on the computer screen next to the race for Senate. In the booth the Congressional race was on a screen you had to scroll down to, next to that for Governor.

Ever go to a supermarket looking for something and you can't find it on the shelf so you have to ask? And it turns out its been right there all the time?

Ms. Dent explained said she had sent out an inaccurate sample ballot because it saved the money it would have cost to reprint it and because, although it was wrong, it was really okay because everybody running for office was there in one place or another.

When it was pointed out that if you send something out wrong, claiming it is right, you're asking for trouble, she had this to say. "I don't think if anyone looked at this they wouldn't be able to figure out what's on the ballot. Anyway, the issue is moot. Next election, I'm switching back to paper ballots."

It remains to be seen who is the Congressman from the 13th District. Both candidates are going through orientation in Washington. ●

Rome (continued from previous page)

ple could track the movements of different aircraft around the world and phone in availability times. Using this information, Blue Star could then, over the phone, arrange private auctions for the time and place and get the best price for the best and most appropriate corporate aircraft. They would buy aircraft time by the trip.

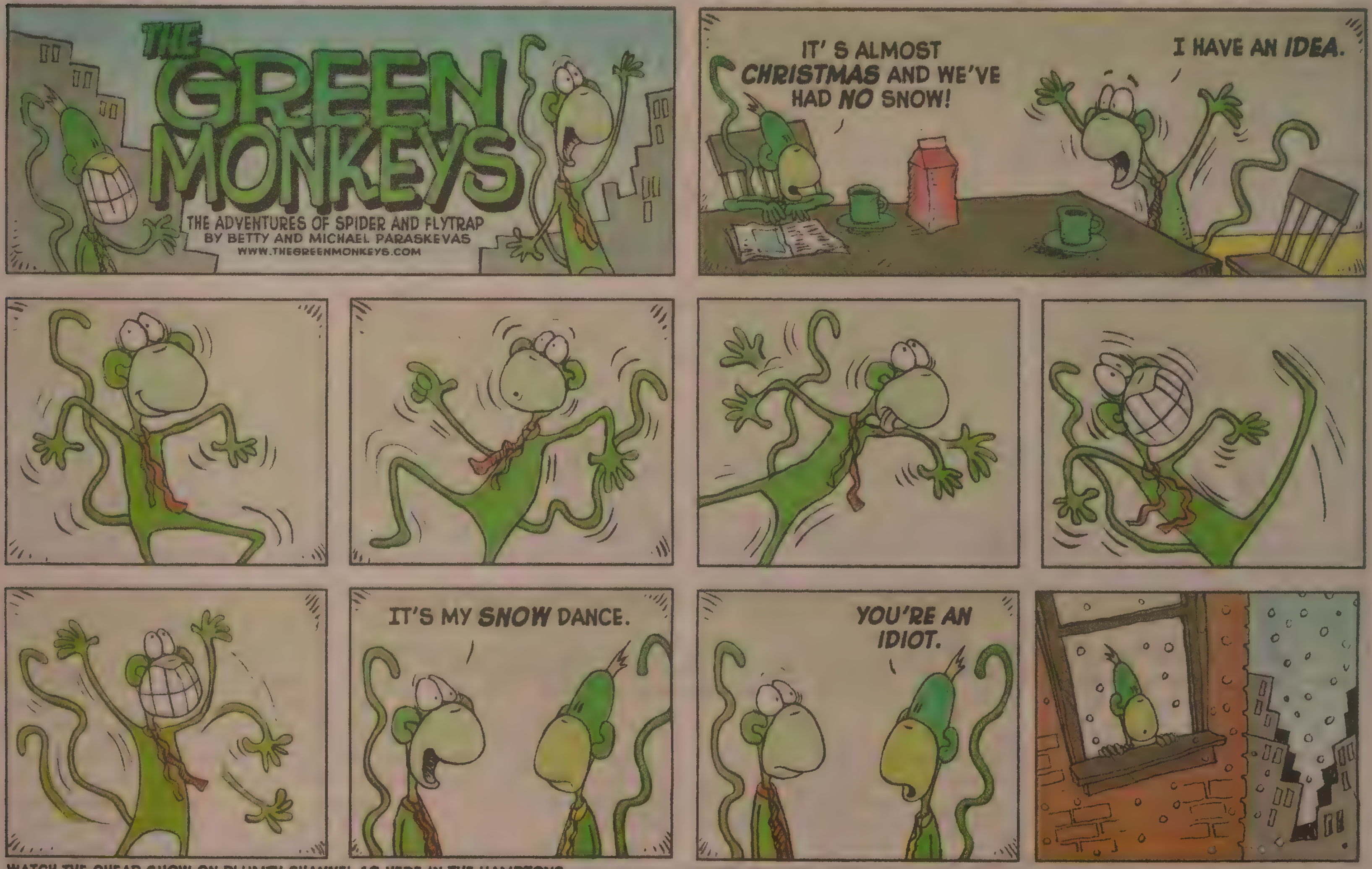
"We began to build an executive team," Rome said. "And we began to contact our old 'team' from Millenium. We'd make this industry competitive, we'd make our mark, and we would grow to become the major player in this market. It's expected to be a $3 billion business shortly. We want $2 billion of it. And then we will go public."

Rome and his wife and his two kids, Jessica and Skyler, spend winters in Florida on Fisher's Island, have a house in Manhattan and a summer place in Southampton, in what is known as the Murray Compound. They are active in charity events, including ArtRageous, G + P Foundations, which is Denise Rich's foundation, and the American Red Cross. The Red Cross Ball was held at Rome's home in Southampton last year and 300 attended.

"I love being a parent," Rome says. "I have daddy/daughter breakfasts at the Regency when we're in town. The girls go to Miami Country Day. And we vacation in Europe in the summer and Aspen in the winter. We are in St. Bart's over Christmas Week."

As for Blue Star, they have offices in New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, Miami, Dallas, Boca, Houston and Phoenix, with a new one just opening in London. They are providing 4,000 people with hourly travel on 4,000 aircraft. They have also introduced a "rewards points" system, similar to the ones used by major airlines. No one has ever done this before for corporate flights.

"Our Miami trading floor is spectacular," Rome told me. "It's a 10,000 square foot space that looks right out over the ocean. You can see planes fly by." The rest of the view is Blue Star. ●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BREAKING NEWS

L.I. Pilots return from Brazil

After ten weeks of detention at a Rio de Janiero hotel without access to their passports, pilots Jan Paladino of Westhampton Beach and Joseph Lepore of Bay Shore have returned to their Long Island homes to spend the holidays with their families.

After a judge ruled that the two pilots, whose Embraer Legacy jet collided with a Brazilian commercial airliner on September 29th, resulting in the death of all 154 people aboard the larger jet, would be allowed to return to the United States, their passports were returned to them with the understanding that they would return to Brazil if they were brought to trial.

Although Brazilian police charged both men with "endangering air safety" before returning their passports, the pilots' lawyers have stated that they do not expect the Brazilian government to act on the charges, and that both men will remain employees of Ronkonkoma-based airline ExcelAir. If convicted, the pilots could face up to twelve years in Brazilian prison, or four years if the crash is deemed "unintentional."

Plan B for Grande Lux's SeaFair

The Grand Luxe, the 228-foot luxury yacht and home of the 28-gallery art, antiques and jewelry exhibition known as the SeaFair, will be denied usage of the East Hampton Town Commercial Dock for her scheduled visit to the Hamptons next June.

Although East Hampton Town board members agreed that the Town would not allow the Grand Luxe to use commercial dock space, they would consider approving a permit for the yacht to conduct business if she found a private marina at which to dock.

Representatives of the Grand Luxe and the SeaFair explained to Dan's Papers on Friday, December 8 that they have not yet made an official proposal to the Town Board for permission to utilize the Three Mile Harbor dock space, and that they were working on their proposal.

South O'

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Belle Fleur, which were sold in a silent auction to support The Center's holiday decorations in future seasons. Topping it all off, Southampton's **Steven Stolman** designed a t-shirt with a star made of Swarovski Crystals to raise even more funds for the cause. Call The Society of Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center for ordering details: 212-639-7975.

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Southampton's **Jamee Gregory** spearheaded a campaign to redo Memorial Sloane Kettering's décor for the first time in twelve years with the help of **Jessie Araskog**, **Joanne de Guardiola**, **Bambi de la Gueronniere**, **Leslie Perkin** and **Clelia Zacharias**. The Peter Jay Sharp Foundation funded the decoration, and Bridgehampton's **Bill Tansey** designed and installed the new décor.

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Jennifer Ruby Morris of Bridgehampton, member of the Civilian Theatre Group and star of the most recent touring production of *Matt & Ben*, the criti-

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Dell

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"Can they give me a loaner?"

"Afraid not."

The idea of not having my laptop for twelve days was impossible. I write every day. Mostly out of doors. I moaned audibly, and the moan went out through the telephone and halfway around the world to Bombay, which is where I learned at the end of the conversation, he was.

"You could upgrade your service to next day for everything," the man said. "Then they could come to you."

"Really?"

"Sure."

"Retroactively, for this repair?"

"I think so. I can connect you to service contract sales, but let me give you the number too in case we get disconnected."

Service Contract Sales turned out to be a young sounding woman with a twang. She was, I learned in that conversation, in Austin, Texas, which by the way is the mother ship world headquarters for Dell.

"You already have the highest level of service possible," she said. "Hmmm. You sure this was an accident?"

I caught her drift. "It could have been anything," I said. "I was in another room when it happened." All true.

"Call service back and tell them you don't know HOW it happened."

And so I went back, this time to service in, well, I never did really find out where. And by that time I had a real extra good story and I wanted to sound panic stricken and too distracted to get chummy. All of my real good story was absolutely true. Though slightly irrelevant. But it would look good.

"I've had three things going wrong," I said sounding so dissatisfied with this piece of junk. "There's a small slot on the front of the computer where you put a memory card in that has popped off its cover. I don't know where it went. Just popped. Sand or dirt could get in. (Mostly sand. — ed.) I need another. The second thing is the amount of time it takes when you boot it up from pressing the on button. Sometimes it takes four minutes. Other times just one minute. It's all over the lot. So it needs to be checked out. And now the screen broke."

"How did that happen?"

From the accent — Boston, Oregon, Finland? Somewhere in North Country.

"Just broke. Went in for coffee, came back, it was broke. Maybe it was defective."

My North Countryman swung into full action.

"You qualify for next working day on site service," he said. "Today is Friday. It's four p.m. where you are. I'll put this in for Monday. They should get the part Tuesday morning. They'll call and they'll come to you."

He gave me a confirmation number, a tracking number for the part, and he told me they would call me when they had the part. I figured I'd work indoors near an AC outlet on a desktop until Tuesday. I was not happy about this. But hey, they were trying.

It also occurred to me that their getting a replacement part for this laptop screen was not going to be as easy as it sounded. Dell, as you know, builds everything in their own factories. But in one case, a year and a half ago, they made a deal with Sanyo to sell THEIR laptop. There was a need for a very lightweight very small laptop with a five-hour battery (I needed one), and they weren't getting it together fast enough to get one to market.

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TWENTYSOMETHING. . . By DAVID LION RATTINER

I'm A Genius

There are a lot of people in my life who believe that I have the most intimate knowledge about the strangest things. For example, my Dad the other day asked me what the name of the main ingredient in suntan lotion is. "Let me think about this for a second." I said, and then I left the room. After a little bit of 'thought' I said, two minutes later, "Octyl Methoxycinnamate!"

"How do you know that?"

"I just do!"

I'm the same way about the weather.

Somebody might ask me what the weather is going to be like three days from now and I will tell them, along with detailed barometric pressures and also what time of day you can expect it to feel a certain temperature. People think I'm a genius when I give them this information with such detail.

Well, I am here to confess something. I do not know anything about anything. In fact, I am a semi-idiot. But there is one little trick up my sleeve that other people don't seem to have figured out, and that little trick is google.com.

Anything, and I mean anything that can be asked, can simply be typed into google.com on the Internet and in a split second, you can find the answer, along with even more interesting information on the subject written by experts. Ask me anything and I can get you the answer in five minutes. Who invented the cell phone? That's easy, Martin Cooper did in 1973, it wasn't very practical because it weighed 2 pounds! Voila, I just googled that little piece of info.

What is remarkable to me is how few people go to google.com as a source for an answer to a question in conversation. Oh sure, they'll go to it immediately if they have a term paper to write or if they have to find the best possible airline ticket, but a simple question will have them saying simply, "I have no idea," or they will get so frustrated about not knowing something that they will go to the library and research it themselves. Of course there is always the option of asking the "know-it-all kid" who has enough sense to hop onto google.com and google the information for you. But then you feel like an idiot.

Just the other day I was having a conversation at dinner about World War II with some friends and the whole reason that I was doing this was because I just spent about three hours on the Internet reading about World War II on Wikipedia.com, the free encyclopedia that is on the Internet. I had absorbed a remarkable amount of information on the Bazooka, which was first designed and used by Americans to blow up Nazi tanks. There was the M1A1 Bazooka that was developed at George Washington University for soldiers on the ground and made its debut in late 1942. It was 54 inches long and combined rocket powered weaponry and the shape charged warhead. The whole idea was started by a guy named Robert H. Goddard in 1918 after he came up with the rocket powered weapon idea. But it wasn't until later that his idea was mastered, after others followed his work two decades later.

The weapon was a huge success and when the Germans saw it, they immediately copied it and made a more precise, larger and longer-ranged bazooka known as the Panzerschreck. The Germans and the Americans had this kind of Bazooka/Panzerschreck Freudian type of issue. My gun needs to be bigger than your gun kind of thing.

Am I a World War II historian? No, I just googled it! That's all I did, dude! And that's all that the other guy is doing who is answering the strange questions nobody seems to know but him.

Obviously writing this column about this was a bad idea, because now, my secret to my genius is out. But I don't care, because the guys who also do this act like a bunch of jerks. The problem with google geniuses is that it is very easy to sound like you are a know-it-all when you are not. So in this day and age we have a lot of want to be know-it-all's running around pretending they know everything, but really have just mas-

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Biloxi

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hanging in the southern school's gym and will always be a flag of the championship efforts of Sag Harbor and the Christmas it gave the children and families of Biloxi.

Here are the words of Dayna Baker of Biloxi. "I never knew that strangers could open their hearts like the community of Sag Harbor did after Hurricane Katrina. Joe and Ester Ricker opened their hearts and home to me when I was up there this past June...There was one day when the teachers of Sag Harbor took time to meet with us and to give us materials for our children. That meant a lot to us and our children, since we lost everything in our school...I would like to THANK everyone for all they have done and given me. I will treasure the memories always."

Matt Malone says, "No matter who I met in Biloxi, upon hearing that I was from Sag Harbor they expressed just how grateful they were for all Sag Harbor did to help. One grandfather came up and shook my hand saying, "Last Christmas I really felt as though I was letting my whole family down. We just had nothing. Thanks to your elementary school and your town we had a really wonderful Christmas when we really needed it."

Once again the Sag Harbor Elementary School children are sending down gifts to Biloxi to help their sister school celebrate Christmas. They are learning the lesson of giving. If you would like to contribute, help or get more information call Ellen Stahl at 631 835 0330.

Ellen Stahl and Matt Malone and so many others in Sag Harbor can hold their heads up high this Christmas season because they understand Christmas's truest meaning. They will forever be proud of what they did for Americans in a time of need. Once again Ellen Stahl proves how one person can make a difference by caring and taking a first step that others can follow and all arrive at the foothold of doing something special. Americans rally in times of emergency, it is what we do. To those in Sag Harbor who stepped in to make this Christmas Story, the town of Biloxi once again says thank you. Or as Dayna Baker recently said, "My life has been touched by the generosity of the people of Sag Harbor...Thank you."

Dell

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Thus the Sanyo deal. They'd divide up the world. Sanyo would have everywhere else but America. And Dell would have them in America, with a label on them reading DELL X1. The deal would be for two years. And it was during that time I bought mine.

Sure enough, there was no call on Tuesday. We rattled the cage a bit to no effect. But then the call came at 4 p.m., Wednesday. I took it on my cell phone standing in front of a Starbucks at 93rd Street and Broadway in Manhattan.

"Whenever you're ready," this crackly male voice said over the phone. Where was he? Iceland? Sounded like he was up in an airplane. "We've got the part. Or at least one of the parts."

"Big or little?" I asked.

"Big."

"Good."

I told him I'd be in the office in Bridgehampton the next day, Thursday, at 4 p.m. for an editorial meeting.

"I'll be there," he said.

"And then at 6, we have a clambake at the beach for the staff, and I'm inviting you if you're done."

"I'll be done."

"Bring your surfboard."

So overnight, it seems, meant six days. But you know what? I appreciated it. And another thing. Somebody showed me how to move the margins for my writing off to the right part of the screen. I could allow the blobs to control the left side of my screen and, as long as they didn't bother me, I wouldn't bother them. We'd both do our thing. From Friday to today, which is Thursday, six hours before this guy parachutes down to our front lawn with his tool kit, I've been getting along fine on the right while the blobs handle the left.

Indeed, this very article is written alongside the blobs. Hi guys. What a world.

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Twentysomething

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tered using the Internet on their Blackberries. I'm sick of watching these people make others feel like idiots.

Don't you miss the good old days when the know-it-alls would just sit in the library all day and soak up knowledge, not making other people feel like idiots because, well, you knew that they were a know-it-all and knew better to just avoid talking to them unless you REALLY needed to know something?

What's the population of Fiji?

893,394. Boom. According to google it took me .26 seconds to figure that one out. I'm not impressed with you.

I'm really feeling relieved to get this secret out, because I am so sick of those wannabe computer geeks that act like they know everything and treat you like an idiot because you don't know something when all they are really doing is finding out the information on the Internet. I'm not impressed. You want to impress me? Be honest.

Nick

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guests checked into the Mirage and others into the Venetian, there was no turning back.

Unaware that all of this was going on, Mr. Monte simply thought that he was just having a regular trip to his house in the town of Henderson, which is located just south of Las Vegas. Under the guise of a casual dinner with an old acquaintance, the trap was set for Nick as he and his wife headed towards the Anthem Country Club, to meet their "another couple" for dinner.

"I was so nervous," Lola tells me with a chuckle.

At around 4:30 p.m. on December 8, Nick's birthday, a mad caravan of cars came barreling down the highway with the Montes and Gosmans and the rest of them screaming into each other's cell phones as they headed towards the Country Club. There were about 120 people in all, and almost every single person there hailed from Montauk.

Bustling like little kids, the group gathered into the country club's restaurant called Trumpets, owned by The Scottos, who are good friends of the family, are from Long Island and helped make the event possible. The restaurant was renamed for the night "Monte's Venetian Room" after the 100-year-old business in Brooklyn that was started by the birthday boy's father.

Photo by John Lomitola

Nick Monte with wife Lola, brother Angelo and "Marilyn Monroe"

"Everybody be quiet."

A sense of I-can't-believe-that-we-are-actually-doing-this must have come over the group as they waited for Nick and his wife to enter the restaurant.

"SURPRISE!!!"

Can you imagine walking into a room on the other side of the country to see that many people waiting there in your honor? That must have been quite a scene. But the honors did not stop there; even the Mayor of Las Vegas got wind of this party and decided that such a celebration deserved a tip of the hat from him. And so he sent along to Paul Monte, Nick's son who now is the CEO at Gurney's, the keys to Las Vegas as a birthday gesture.

Of course, in true Montauk fashion, the surprise was just the start of the celebration.

Amongst laughs, hoots and hollers, a decked out Marilyn Monroe came down to sing "Happy Birthday Mr. President" and then immediately after this, a live performance of Rat Pack impersonators came down to sing to Nick all of the greats. It was a special moment for Nick, for the Monte family and all those that know them.

And here at *Dan's Papers*, we'd like to wish Nick a Happy Birthday and many more.

Solar

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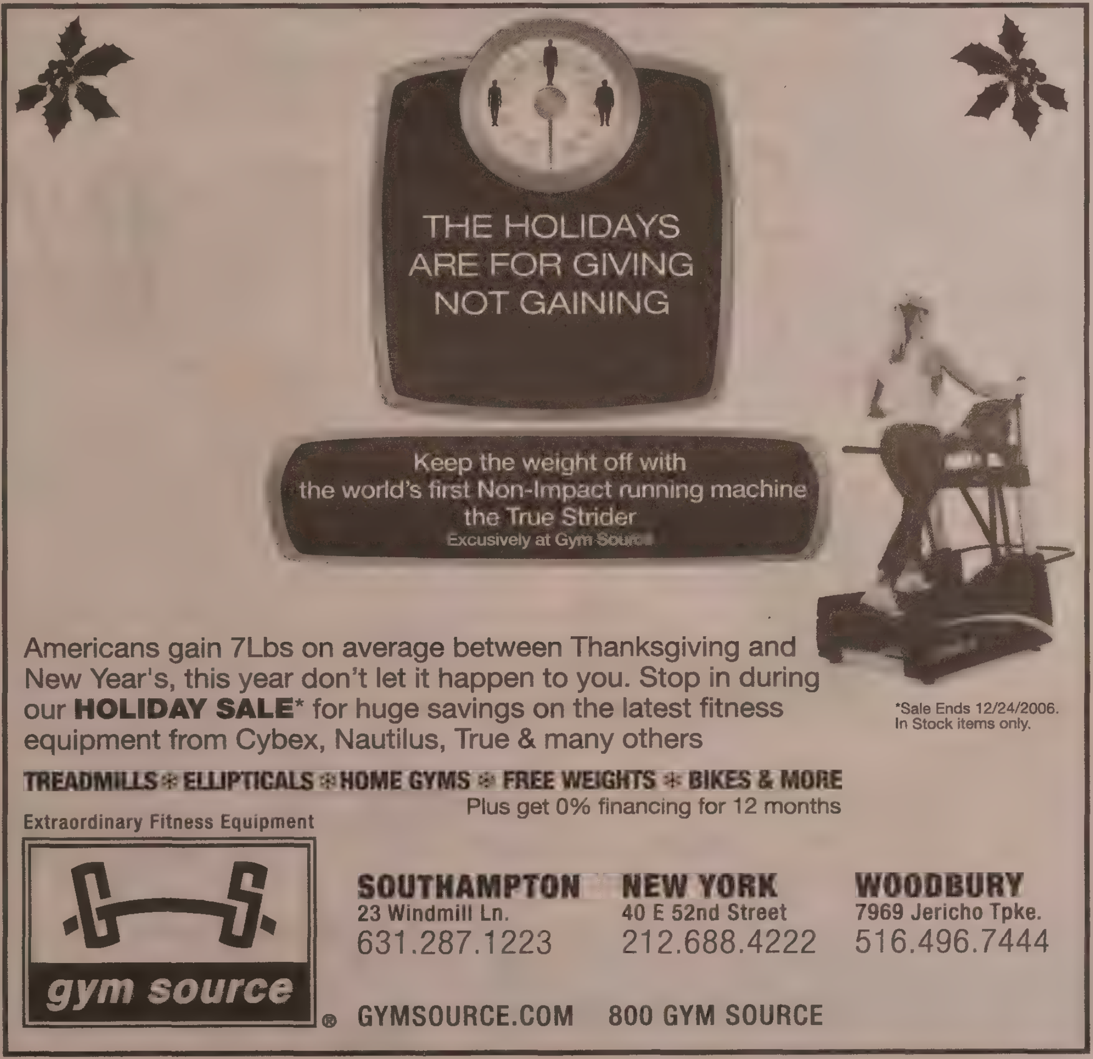
Mr. Abramson says the group expects to rent up to four of the circulators initially. If happy with the results, the Trustees would entertain the possibility of purchasing four SolarBees for around $160,000. There is even the possibility of using the SolarBee on other ponds. Having a healthy eco-system in all of the ponds is a nice goal. With the recent increased number of geese droppings and the toxic results of those droppings, action is needed to prevent all ponds from becoming dead. The action to be taken on Mill Pond will be a test to see if the local ponds can be managed successfully with this new technology. Hopefully if all works as planned by next summer, once again, Mill Pond will be a place where one could take a quick summer night's swim in safety. The thick unpleasant and damaging algae will have been eliminated.



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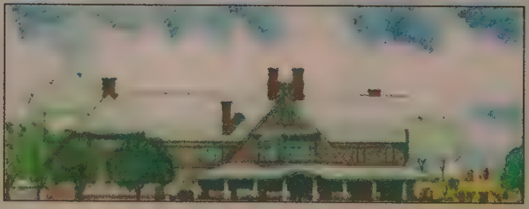

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South O' the Highway (and the North too)

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cally-acclaimed hit musical based on the friendship of Matt Damon and Ben Affleck, is now being featured in a national TV commercial for iVillage.com.

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Sag Harbor's **Joe Lauro**, of Historic Films, has reunited the original *Dream Girls*, **Diana Ross**, **Mary Wilson**, **Cindy Birdsong,** and the family of Florence Ballard for a Motown/Universal DVD titled *Reflections: The Ultimate Supremes Performances*. This is first time all the girls have agreed to be in the same project since 1969!

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Elle Décor's **Margaret Russell** was spotted buying white linen sheets in the new Home Décor section of Southamptonite **Calvin Klein's** Madison Avenue store last week.

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An anonymous donor awarded the Montauk Playhouse Community Center Foundation $100,000 to be applied towards construction costs of the future Performing Arts Center. In addition, the donor pledged a matching grant for up to $100,000, matching new donations of $5,000 or more received by October 15, 2007 dollar-for-dollar.

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East Hampton's **Renée Zellweger's** ex-husband, **Kenny Chesney**, was spotted partying it up at the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas last week alongside party boys **Kid Rock** and **Jason Giambi**.

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Long Island girl **Lindsay Lohan** has decided to clean up her act this week, joining AA and enlisting the image-making magic of environmentalist **Al Gore**.

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Long Island's own **Billy Baldwin** has been traveling out to Staten Island recently to watch up-and-coming comedian **Chazz Palminteri's** packed performances, along with pals **Joey Pantoliano, Matthew Modine** and **Robert de Niro**.

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Long Islander, actor and now discussion-moderator **Alec Baldwin** traveled to Rutgers University Law School in Newark last week to discuss the renewal of the Oyster Creek Nuclear Power Plant's lease renewal, which would enable the plant to continue to operate until the year 2029.

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The Sheltered Islander

By Sally Flynn

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Flying Fingers vs. Frozen Feet

Well, it's official. I did all of my holiday shopping by Internet this year and everything is being gift-wrapped and sent straight from the source along with a printed gift card from me, limited to 100 characters.

It's wonderfully convenient to shop by Internet. At the same time, I recognize the end of an era for me, one that my kids will never know... the Christmas (and Hanukah, relax...) shopping days at a big mall.

I recall when I was young, listening to my mother, grandmother and aunt coordinate what day were we going shopping. Next, came the car decision. My aunt had the most reliable car, my grandmother had the one with the biggest trunk and my mother had the one with the best heater. Biggest trunk usually won out. We all brought blankets and piled into my grandmother's old Buick. The heater had broken years earlier and my grandfather, who courted my grandmother on a horse drawn buckboard, saw a car heater as an unnecessary luxury. The back seat of the Buick was huge and my mother and aunt discussed building a small fire there for warmth. But the idea was vetoed because the ring of stones would surely shift while Grammie drove. So we toughed it out.

The goal was to get there early in the morning and if you could hear the mall music from your parking spot, you did well. But my aunt was (and is) notoriously late, so we always parked within sight of the mall. In that day, women never left the house in slacks. We were all in dresses. As a kid I got to wear leggings under my skirt, but my Mom, Aunt and Gram had to endure the cold with only nylons to keep their legs warm. Gram had a sealskin coat, but she was still frozen by the time we got to the front door of the nearest store.

The mall music blared with seasonal standards. We, and everyone around us, would softly sing along. It was crowded. Our coats were now a heavy encumbrance. We waded through people who were wading through us. We shopped for hours and piled our cart high. We waited in long, long lines for checkout. Everyone in line struggled to maintain a good attitude despite tired feet and crying kids.

After the shopping we schlepped all our big, colorful, bags to any place in the mall where we could sit and have hot chocolate, a final warm-up before we braved the cold again. My Mom, Gram and Aunt would try to remember exactly where we had entered the mall and try to figure out if there was an exit closer to the car.

Global warming was nowhere in sight then. Winter was freezing cold everyday from mid November till March and that was that. The post-shopping walk, tired and package laden, was a real killer, with icy winds whipping up your skirt, like getting goosed with freezing fingers. It was not unusual for my Grandmother to carry a flask of Baileys and add a shot to everyone's hot chocolate (except mine, I was still under 13) as a bracer to the cold. Today, that would be outrageous, but it was not an issue at all when I was young. People had a shot to warm them up. They didn't get drunk and they weren't alcoholics. It was even the custom on our street to leave a shot in the mailbox on Christmas Eve for our mailman, Mr. Brady. Poor Mr. Brady. He was probably crocked by the time he got home, but I guarantee he wasn't cold...

After we got home and hid everything in Grammies' attic. My grandfather, who liked to cook, would have some hearty soup and Irish soda bread ready for us. He made hot buttered rum and smell of it was sweet and comforting. Bing Crosby and Nat King Cole records were stacked and playing on the stereo while we ate hot soup and reveled in our gift choices.

My grandfather grilled my grandmother on how much she had spent. Grammie was able to show him the sale prices marked in red on each tag. My aunt and I used different red pens to carefully mark down all those tags on the ride home... I knew I was growing up when I was trusted to maintain a poker face when Pop looked at the price tags.

Holiday shopping together is a bonding event for women. Like men who hunt together. There is something about braving overwhelming odds and surviving that unites people.

Here's to all our Moms with frozen legs and feet, bad mall music, and hot chocolate with Baileys!

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"LES MISERABLES" RETURNS TO BROADWAY

Les Miserables returned to Broadway at the Broadhurst Theatre in NYC. The epic musical originally played on Broadway from 1987-2003. A fabulous after party was held at Tavern on The Green.

1. Ali Ewoldt, Adam Jacobs 2. Rosie O'Donnell, Elizabeth Hasselbeck 3. Daphne Rubin-Vega 4. Celia Keenan-Bolger 5. Leann Lazar, Aaron Lazar 6. Norm Lewis 7. Joan Rivers 8. Gary Beach

BOY'S CLUB BENEFIT

Antiques & Fine Art at the Armory opened with a preview night cocktail reception and exclusive chefs' tasting party to benefit The Boys' Club of New York. The exhibit featured sixty seven exhibitors from around the world. Also The Fine Art Dealers Association, brought twelve of its members to create a "show within a show" located in the center of the Armory.

1. Michael Rockefeller, Tara Rockefeller 2. Anne Pyne, Jayne Keith 3. Bunny Williams, John Rosselli 4. Peter Gregory, Jamee Gregory 5. Meg Wendy, Cal Wendy

THE FOOD ALLERGY BALL

The ninth annual Food Allergy Ball, presented by the Food Allergy Initiative, was held at The Pierre Hotel in NYC. This year's event honored Michael Klein. Danny Meyer was honored with the FAI Lifetime Achievement Award. Donna Murphy entertained guests and the evening raised over three million dollars aimed at treating and raising awareness of life-threatening food allergies.

1. Todd Slotkin, Ron Perelman, Dr. Patricia Cayne 2. Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. and Mary Richardson Kennedy 3. Julian Niccolini, Danny Meyer, Drew Nieporent, Daniel Boulud

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LIFE WITHOUT LUPUS BENEFIT

Lupus is getting lots of attention and the loops people wear that shows the commitment to contain and cure the disease, is getting momentum. The fundraiser had Bob Costas as MC with words from Board Member Jessye Norman and entertainment by Barbara Cook. Denise Wohl is on the Lupus Board of Directors. Lupus struck home for Denise as her mom suffered from the disease

1. Bob Costas 2. Tony LoBianco and Elizabeth LoBianco 3. Ben and Elke Gazzara, Denise Wohl 4. Ellie Wohl

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CHILD ADVOCACY AWARD DINNER

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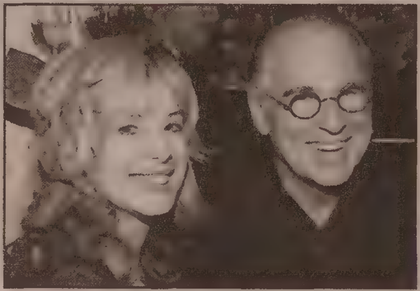

The NYU Child Study Center hosted its 9th Annual Child Advocacy Award Dinner at Cipriani in NYC honoring philanthropists Stanley and Fiona Drukenmiller for their commitment to the organization. Six hundred guests attended raising 6.5 million to battle child and adolescent psychiatric disorders making the event a huge success.

1. Craig Hatkoff, Michael Nouri 2. Gary Cohn, Lisa Pevaroff-Cohn 3. Patrick McMullan, Alice Tisch 4. Kenneth Langone, Lloyd Blankfein, Stanley Druckenmiller 5. Fiona Drukenmiller, Brooke Garber Neidich 6. Jane & Jimmy Buffett

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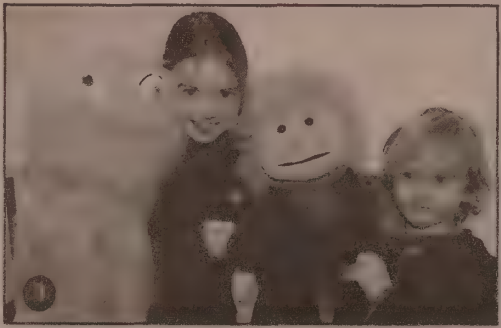
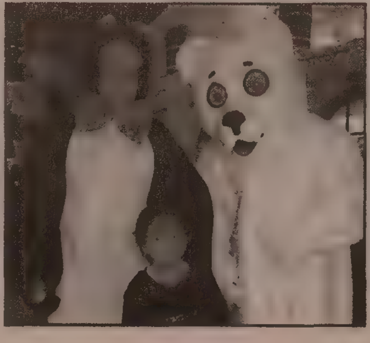


Forty-one penguins formerly housed in Cartier's windows have flown the coop, along with a herd of 17 reindeer, former stars of Bergdorf's holiday windows in NYC to co-host a holiday party FUNdraiser at the Children's Museum of the East End (CMEE). The creator, world-renowned artist Mia Fonssagrives-Solow, could not be more pleased that her wooden sculptures have decided to relocate in Bridgehampton.

1. Mia Fonssagrives-Solow, with grandchildren Hayden, Carson, Kailey, Quintin, Christian and daughter-in-law Stacey with Sidney 2. Christina Napotillo, Otto, Julia Latham 3. Daisy & Dualta Gallaher 4. Nickie Lewin 5. Ben Latham, Liliana Albarracin, Big Bear 6. Sophia Mazzaglia, Shelby Doner



Dan's North Fork

Santa Comes To Town

Santa Rolls Into Riverhead On A Yacht

By Annemarie Davin

Photo by Annemarie Davin

Dwayne Lewin, Jimmy Mack, "Scooby" the dog, Captain Dan Egert, Councilman Ed Densieski

In most parts of the world, Santa glides in on his sleigh, but this past Saturday, jolly old Saint Nick cruised into Riverhead on a large yacht trimmed with live wreaths and Christmas lights. This celebration was the seventh annual "Santa's Coming To Town" bonfire on the Peconic Riverfront and was hosted by the Town of Riverhead and Councilman Ed Densieski.

The event started at 4 p.m. with a large bonfire on the Peconic Riverfront while Santa was getting ready to take his journey down the Peconic River. The boat took off from the Riverside Marina and docked on the Riverfront behind the East Ends Arts Council's area. Dwayne Lewin, the Dock Master of the Riverside Marina, has the honor of picking the boat that Santa would arrive on. This year Mr. Lewin chose the "One Up," a 1970 Egg Harbor Sedan Cruiser, for the second year in a row. Captain Dan Egert, a Riverhead resident and owner of this beautiful yacht, was at the helm and drove Santa down the Peconic where the townspeople waited with great anticipation.

As they pulled into the dock, the children in the crowd were chanting "Santa! Santa!" and jumped up and down and waved in hopes that they might catch the eye of the big guy in the red suit. I heard one little guy say," That's not the real Santa, is it?" as he and his friend leaned in to get a better look. His friend said, "Yes it is! It is!" and then they both chanted in unison as loud as they could " It's Santa! We believe! We believe!" as if they felt bad for doubting him for a moment.

Santa walked onto the Riverfront and over to the unlit Christmas Tree. He threw pixie dust onto the tree and magically the tree lit up! The many colored lights shined brightly as the crowd cheered on. You could see the twinkles in the eyes of the children as they walked with Santa over to Santa's Workshop. They formed a line with their parents waiting for their turn to sit on Santa's lap, get their photo taken with him and tell him what they wanted for Christmas. Another line formed where people waited for a cup of delicious, complimentary hot chocolate to warm them up. Others gathered around the enormous bonfire as they laughed and chatted with friends and family.

This year's event welcomed with less of a chill in the air and more warmth in the community. Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus, and he made a stop in Riverhead this past weekend. If you missed him this year, make sure you show up next year for the eighth annual "Santa's Coming To Town" where you're sure to have an evening you'll remember for a long time to come.

I Want The Sweet Stuff

The North Fork Tale Of Cookies, Candy And You Know, The Good Stuff

By Phyllis Lombardi

Enough with the broccoli, the cabbage, the brussels sprouts and that ugly stuff they call kale. What our North Fork kids want is cookies. Big cookies, sugary cookies, crumbly cookies!

And that's just what our kids got a couple of Tuesdays ago at Junda's Pastry, the year-old "crust and crumbs" bakery on Main Road in Jamesport.

It's on a bit of a hill, this bakery is, well worth the climb. The kids visiting the bakery this day were the offspring of moms in the Southold Mothers Club. Every week or so, the mothers and their young children do something special. In this case, it was a tour of Junda's, some information about working in a bakery, and lots of cookie decoration and sampling on the part of the kids. OK, so the mothers and I did a little tasting, too. Wouldn't you?

But first, let me tell you about Christopher and Helen Junda, owners, and the folks who get up at 3 a.m. every day so we can have our pies, apple strudel (Christopher's favorite), cookies and scones.

Christopher is a graduate of Newbury Culinary College in Brookline, Massachusetts. Before opening the Jamesport bakery, he was a pastry chef in Manhattan's Plaza Hotel and closer to home, the Garden City Hotel. Lest you think his work place was always so elegant, Christopher will rush to tell you he once had a "pie stand" on Peconic Bay Boulevard in Jamesport. Many of his customers at the new bakery first tasted his pies back in those days.

Well, on this sweet day the Jundas hosted 22 preschool youngsters, a dozen or so mothers, one daddy and one great-grandmother. The kids came into the bakery noisy and at full speed, but Christopher got their attention immediately by promising cookies.

And the tour began. The bathtub-size mixing bowls, the walk-in refrigerator, the huge ovens that bake more than 100 pies at a time. All things the children had never experienced.

Who were some of those kids? Emmet and Bridget Ryan, brother and sister from Mattituck were there with mom Kathy, who is Events Coordinator of the Southold Mothers Club. Little Emmet, during the course of the morning, was outfitted with latex gloves and given the joyful job of squeezing raspberry jelly onto the Linzer tarts. Oh, the messy ecstasy of it all! Emmet had a helper, too. The very capable, very young Gabrielle Finora of Mattituck.

Little brothers Lance and Luca Benedetti of Wading River brought along, in addition to their mother, a special guest. Their great-grandma, Rulie Ronzetti, also of Wading River. Rulie is a bread maker and I can only imagine how she'd enjoy working in Junda's kitchen. Now she watched as Christopher Junda encourage the children to sprinkle powdered sugar on top of those Linzer tarts. Think about that. Great white clouds of sugar rising, then falling. Some of it even meeting up with the cookies.

From the cookies to the cupcakes. Big puffy things with lots of creamy white icing. Ready for, just begging for, the vari-colored sprinkles Christopher had set out in several bowls. Matthew and Cassidy Czujko of Mattituck were up to this as was Ryan Fulda of Southold. You know what happens when little kids eat those big, puffy things with lots of creamy white icing? All 22 of 'em needed baths. And check out their hair for sprinkles.

Oh, yes, that one dad I mentioned earlier. Adam Volosik, a 1987 graduate of Southold High School, kept an eye on his sons Jackson and Jacob. But I had the feeling dad might have enjoyed being kid number 23 – if only for an hour. The jelly, the sugar, the sprinkles.

Before we left Junda's, Christopher told us that he plans on fully restoring the more than 300-year-old home that is the bakery. In the meantime he and Helen are two busy people. There were the 800 pies they baked at Thanksgiving. The Christmas and New Year's orders are coming in now.

Even so, Christopher and Helen continue to spend time with children – they do their "bakery adventure" with Brownie troops and Head Start youngsters. It's pretty easy to understand why. Happiness is a kid with a couple of cookies. And one of those cookies we'll leave out for Santa.

North Fork Events

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

NAUTICAL BUT NICE- Greenport, "The Sirens' Song Gallery" presents "...Nautical But Nice". Limited edition contemporary prints, book arts, sculpture, and unique collectibles. November 30 through January 7. Also on view are prints by Caroline Waloski, running concurrently with her Solo exhibition in Elk, Poland at the Galeria Slad, sponsored by the Kultura Centrum. Winter gallery hours Thursday through Sunday, 1-6pm, or by appointment, and when the colors are flying. 516 Main Street, Greenport , 631-477-1021. Email cwaloski@earthlink.net www.sirensongallery.com

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

ART EXHIBIT- *The Suffolk County Historical Society* is pleased to present the exhibition "Caroline M. Bell and the Peconic Bay Impressionists," the first comprehensive exhibition devoted to the North Fork impressionist, her peers, and students – known collectively as the *Peconic Bay Impressionists.* The exhibit will be on view through April 30, 2007. 631-668-7507.

LIGHT THE MENORAH- 5:30 p.m. is the time that you are going to want to head down with the North Fork Reform Synagogue and Cutchogue Historical Society and celebrate Hanukkah at Cutchogue Village Green. Lighting of menorah followed by potluck dinner at Cutchogue Presbyterian Church at 6. At 7:30 p.m. NFRS members light their own family Menorahs after dinner, followed by children and Rabbi Jessica Marshall presenting story of Hanukkah.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS- 5-7 p.m. enjoy an all-you-can-eat Family Dinner Night hosted by Knights of Columbus Marian Council 3852 at K of C Hall, Cutchogue. Adults, $10; children, $5. Proceeds support charitable efforts.

HOLIDAY CELEBRATION- Beginning at noon check out the holiday celebration hosted by Woman's Club of Riverhead at United Methodist Church of Riverhead. Entertainment provided by students of East End Arts Council. 631-727-5865.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

CONCERT AT THE VAIL- At the Vail Leavitt Music Hall in Riverhead, Burnin' Sky presents The music of The Bad Company Show – Hard Rock Music Don't miss this awesome live musical tribute. Performance Time: 8:00 p.m. Tickets: $20. Pick them up at the show at the Vail's address at 16 Peconic Avenue Riverhead. Or call them at 631-727-5782 for advance sales.

HOLIDAY BENEFIT AT DeCORDOVA- From Nov. 25- to Dec. 27 enjoy a holiday benefit show for Maureen's Haven, an organization that provides shelter for the homeless during the winter months on the East End. Will feature paintings by twenty artists. Holiday hours are Fridays, 3-7 p.m., Sat and Sun noon to 6 p.m. or by appointment. Located in Greenport. Call 631-477-0620.

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HOSPITALITY DAY- 11 a.m.-4 p.m. enjoy the Annual Friends of the Library Hospitality Day at Cutchogue-New Suffolk Library, with Basically Baroque concert from 2 to 3 p.m., mulled cider and homemade cookies. 631-734-6260.

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MUSIC PERFORMANCE- 2:30 p.m. check out Cecilia Gniewek Brauer gives a lecture and musical performance featuring the armonica, a musical glass instrument invented by Benjamin Franklin, at First Presbyterian Church of Southold. Sponsored by Friends of Southold Free Library. 631-765-2077.

ART RECEPTION IN MATTITUCK- 'Small Works' Photography Exhibition at Image Gallery at Love Lane Photo 12830 Main Road in Mattituck. 631-298-0070. Selected members of East End Photographers Group will have a Holiday Exhibition and Sale at Love Lane Photo beginning on Monday, December 11th through Saturday, January 11th. A special Opening Reception will be held today from 1pm-5pm with a wine tasting by Sherwood House Winery. Photographers on exhibition will include Virginia Aschmoneit, Ken Rubino and Gerry Giliberti, who currently has work on exhibit with such photographic illuminaries as Richard Avedon, Ralph Gibson and Elliot Erwitt. For additional information, please call Ken Rubino at 631-298-0070

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18

FREE DANCE CLASS!- A and G Dance Company is offering Dance, Yoga, Pilates, and rhythm recreation for boys and girls today. The regular fee is $25. Contemporary dance is for kids aged 3-8, hip hop is for 9 to adult and yoga/pilates are for adults. Located in Riverhead at 435 Osborne Ave. Give Adam and Gail a call at 631-921-6406. Also call 516-903-1446 if interested in a karate lesson.

COMING UP

REIKI- Monday Nights Time: 7pm -9pm Location: Grace Episcopal Church 753 Roanoke Ave, Riverhead. Will be held here every Monday Peconic Bay Medical Center Roanoke Ave, Riverhead 2nd Floor, Conference Rooms B & C. Will be held here the last Monday of each month. For details please call Ellen Jean McCabe, Ceritified Reiki Master Teacher 631-727-2072.

ONGOING EVENTS

SKATEBOARDING – Great skate park in Greenport offering ramps and a half pipe. Call 631-477-2385 for hours.

INDIAN MUSEUM – In Southold, open Sundays from 1 30 p.m. to 4 30 p.m. Call 631-765-5577.

CAROUSEL – The Greenport Village carousel in Mitchell Park is open Saturdays, Sundays and school holidays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Info for all facilities at the park including the ice rink and camera obsura can be found by calling 631-477-2200.

CUSTER OBSERVATORY– Weather permitting Custer staff will be on hand to assist visitors in observing the night sky using their telescopes. From sunset until midnight in Southold. Call 631-765-2626.

MEDITATION – Buddhist meditations on Monday evenings at 7 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church on Main Street in Southold. Call 631-949-13-77.

BINGO – Play bingo at 12 30 p.m. on Tuesdays at Southold American Legion Post 803, Main Road and Tuckers Lane. For more information call 631-765-2276.

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Peconic Painters In Riverhead

The Peconic Bay Impressionists Put On Quite A Show

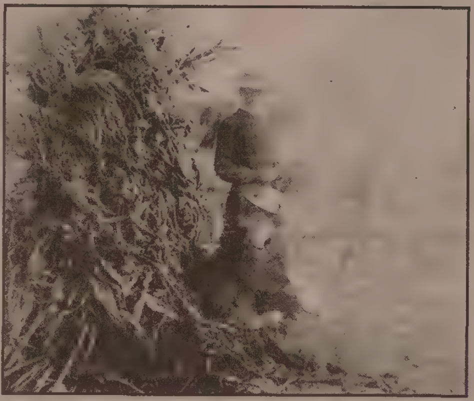
By Debbie Tuma

One of the oldest art colonies in America, known as The Peconic Bay Impressionists, consisted of a group of painters from all over the North Fork. This outdoor painting became known as "plein-aire." The artists literally took their easels and paints and went out to the bays, beaches, or woods, to paint directly from nature.

Now a new show of their works, done during the late 1800's and early 1900's, has just opened at the Suffolk County Historical Society in Riverhead. This new exhibition, called, "Caroline M. Bell and the Peconic Bay Impressionists," opened to the public last Friday (December 8), with a reception and will run through April 30, at the Suffolk County Historical Society at 300 West Main Street in Riverhead.

This show, which consists of the beautiful paintings of Caroline M. Bell and about 20 of her students and associates, was curated by Terry Wallace, owner of the Wallace Gallery in East Hampton. Wallace is an authority on American art, specializing in Long island painters. He spent ten years putting together this comprehensive exhibition. He also authored a 200-page hard-cover book of these artists' paintings. In the book and exhibition, he features the paintings of Caroline M.Bell, who lived from 1874-1970, and spent much of her time in the Peconic region of the North Fork. She had a studio in Mattituck, where she taught many students. One of her studios still stands, located on the corner of Love Lane and Route 25A, and is known as the "Octagon House." She later built a studio overlooking Mattituck Inlet, on Love Lane and Sound Avenue.

The exhibit, which covers the period from 1900-1970, includes other Peconic Bay Impressionist painters from the North Fork, such as Julia M. Wickham, Marguerite Moore Hawkins, Ruth McAdams, Carrie Carter Wells, Clara Moore Howard, Dorothy E. Raynor, Clara Wells Howell, Annie Young, Otto J. Kurth, Helen M. Kroeger Kurth, Madeline Howard Bassarear, and Agnes J. Mothersele.



Terry Wallace said he wanted to do an exhibit and a book on the Peconic Bay Impressionists because up until now, there has been very little scholarship on this group.

"They were not widely recognized for their artistic contribution during their lifetime," he said. "Interest in their work has grown in recent years, placing them in the field of America's leading Impressionists." When asked how he came to be interested in this group, he said, "I started to buy these paintings in the 1980s, after visiting the North Fork, and finding them in the antique stores. Most of the paintings came from Laurel, Cutchogue, Southold, and other parts of the North Fork."

Wallace said this "very historic" exhibition has stirred a big interest from art lovers on the North Fork, as evidenced by the large turnout of about 150 people at last Friday's opening night reception. He said Caroline M. Bell draws a big crowd, since she was "one of the first North Fork artists to paint outside, and subsequently she taught other artists to do so as well."

Wallace explained that in researching the book, he learned that, "The name 'Peconic Bay Impressionists' was a new name for American artists." He said there was already a group of artists who painted inside their studios, called the Peconic Colony Artists. Mostly, they hailed from the larger cities and moved to the Peconic region. They included such artists as Irving Wiles, Edward August Bell, and Henry and Edith Prellwitz.

Unlike them, the Peconic Bay Impressionists were mostly born and raised on the North Fork and many were also direct descendents of the founding fathers of Southold Town. The artistic educations and styles of the two Peconic groups of artists differed as well. The Peconic Colony artists were trained at the National Academy of design in a traditional manner, and exhibited their work nationally at major venues. The Peconic Impressionists were educated informally by a group of artists and they often painted outside together along the shores of the North Fork, on Peconic Bay. They also traveled to other areas including Woodstock, N.Y, Gloucester, Mass., and Rockport, Mass.

The book, "Caroline M. Bell and The Peconic Bay Impressionists," is available at Bookhampton, Border's, and at other bookstores on the North Fork. Wallace said even though he could have chosen other venues for this art exhibit, he chose the Suffolk County Historical Society, with the help of Director Wally Broege, "because of the historical nature of this work." Stop by and view this beautiful exhibit of local painters, until April 30 of 2007. For more wonderful artwork by American painters, stop by the Wallace gallery in East Hampton.

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OVER THE BARREL...

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Holiday Gifts – And My Own Wine Wish List

Ah yes, the holiday season. It overflows with extra food, extra family time and – if we're lucky – lots of extra drink to get us through that extraneous family time. Of course it also brings the ubiquitous holiday part as well – thrown by your neighbor, your friends, your boss or, again, your family.

This time of year, it seems like everyone I know asks me for suggestions on what wines they should take to all of those parties.

Maybe your friends try to serve you koolaid-like white zinfandel or cheap, way-too-simple-for-the-holidays Aussie shiraz with a furry creature on the label. Heck, maybe they – gulp – try to serve you wine in a box.

Or, on the complete flip side, perhaps you've been invited to the home of a real wine aficionado and you don't want to bring a crappy bottle of plonk and embarrass yourself.

I've been in all of the above situations and trust me, there is a solution to every vinological quandary – and you can find them right on this overgrown sandbar that we call Long Island. Just follow these tips and suggestions.

First, don't stress out. This is the holidays, a time rife with enough stress that what wine to bring to a party shouldn't cause more. They are supposed to be fun, remember that if you remember anything.

Think food friendly and affordable. This is particularly true if you're going to a larger, more casual shindig. Don't spend a lot here – you never know if it's going to be opened as soon as you walk in or who will be drinking it. Try to pick a food-friendly, versatile wine, that will go well with a wide range of foods. Macari Vineyards 2006 Early Wine ($15) or Raphael 2004 Estate Merlot ($16) are terrific options here.

Avoid embarrassing the host. The wine they are serving is terrible – but you don't need to rub it in. Bring your own wine and dodge the plastic cup of box-wine "Burgundy" by saying "Hey, a friend of mine told me about this wine and I thought I'd open it tonight. Do you want to try it?" Nine times out of ten, you'll be drinking the good stuff in no time.

Impress your boss. She has a cellar filled with the best cru Bordeaux, California Cabernet Sauvignon and White Burgundy. Fact is, you probably don't want to spend the money on one of those bottles – and she knows more about them than you anyway. My guess is that she doesn't know much about Long Island wine, or if she does, she doesn't know that there are world-class wines made here. Pick up a bottle of anything labeled "Grand Vintage" from Paumanok Vineyards, anything "Old Vines" at Lenz Winery or anything red at Roanoke Vineyards. They will cost you from $30-60, but this is your boss. She has control over your annual raise, right?

When in doubt, bring bubbly. Sparkling wine is welcome at any party. Find me a party where it's out of place and I'll show you a seriously lame party. Wolffer Estate, Lenz Winery, Lieb Family Cellars and Martha Clara Vineyards all have terrific sparklers. Plus, yours will be the only bottle of local bubbly at the party. Just don't call it Champagne.

Give the gift of wine too. Wine is a terrific gift outside of parties as well, especially if it's thoughtfully packaged or is a little different. Peconic Bay Winery makes one of my favorite local Rieslings and right now they are offering gift packs with one bottle each of their 2000, 2004 and 2005 vintages for $75. The 2000 and 2004 aren't available anywhere else and there are only 30 of these packs available, so get one today before they are gone. Or, if you want to get something for your favorite local wine writer (it's me, right?) feel free to buy me one. Or, their Cabernet Franc two pack or Chardonnay three pack. Osprey's Dominion offers similar flights.

This time of year is also a good time to think of those less fortunate than ourselves. Visit my website, www.lenndevours.com and click on the "A Menu for Hope" icon in the left column. It points to a great charity project that benefits the United Nations' World Food Program. Basically it's a raffle and I've compiled some great prizes, including nights at local B&Bs, wine tours, great Long Island wines and wine classes from Grand Cru Classes on the North Fork. Donate what you can and win!

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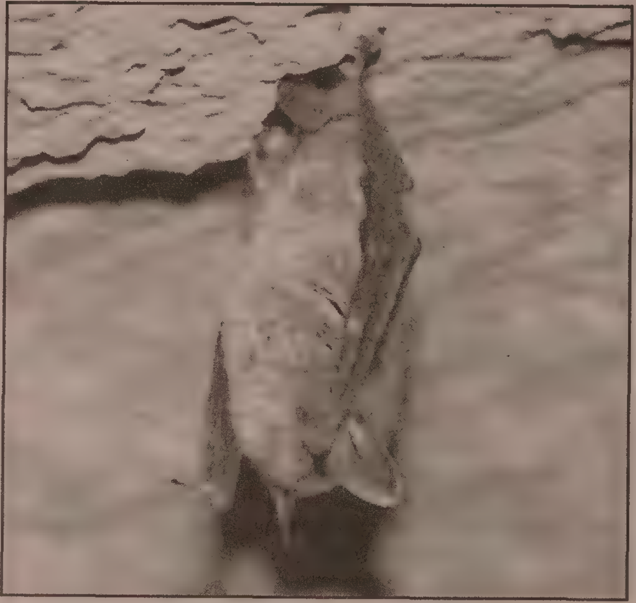

Everyone has seen the beautiful flocks of birds and butterflies migrating South for the winter. But where do all of the other animals go, the ones that we see every summer but seem to vanish as soon as the first frost hits?

Animals like turtles, bats, and frogs depend on the warmer weather to survive. So when it starts to get cold, they fall into a deep sleep known as hibernation and stay in that state all winter long.

Turtles and frogs are cold-blooded animals, like snakes, crocodiles, and dinosaurs. Their bodies don't produce their own heat like ours do, so they need the warmth of the sun to make their hearts beat and digest their food. Their bodies cannot function normally when the temperature drops below fifty degrees. But, instead of dying when the cold weather comes, these Long Island reptiles and amphibians find a safe place to hide, and go to sleep. Since they are both water animals, both frogs and turtles find a damp place where they stay moist, and actually freeze themselves inside little blocks of ice! Aquatic frogs (frogs that live in the water) absorb oxygen through their skin. These frogs will bury themselves in mud, or half in mud and half in water, in order to breathe while they hibernate. Sometimes, the water in ponds does not freeze completely in the winter and some frogs will swim very, very slowly in the thick, slushy water under the ice from time to time during hibernation to stretch their legs. Turtles need even less oxygen than frogs do, and they actually bury themselves *underneath the mud* on the bottom of ponds and lakes until the warm weather heats up the water and wakes them up.

Bats are warm-blooded animals, like dogs, cats, and humans, so their bodies produce their own heat. So why do they hibernate? All bats eat either fruit or flying insects. And while there is plenty of fruit and plenty of insects for bats to eat in warm places like South America and Africa, North American bats would starve to death if they tried to hunt in the winter time, because none of the plants on Long Island have fruit in the winter and there aren't any flying insects, either, because they either die in the fall after they lay their eggs, or migrate south. If bats had to use up all of their energy flying around looking for fruits or bugs that were not there, they would all die. Instead, bats go to sleep in their bat houses, under the roofs of our houses, in attics and barns, until their food returns. While they are sleeping, their hearts beat so slowly that if they even moved around for a minute, they could overwork their hearts and die.

Sometimes, because of really warm weather in the winter, like the weather we have been having lately, hibernating animals will wake up and think it is spring! If it stays warm for too long, they could become confused and leave their safe hiding places, then starve when it gets cold again. But, these animals can tell when it is going to get cold again, even before the weatherman, because their bodies are so sensitive to temperature changes. If see any of these animals walking around on a warm winter day, the best thing you can do to protect them is not touch them. If you don't confuse or disturb them, they will realize that they need to go back to their safe hiding place and hibernate.

If you see one of these animals that you think is in trouble, or if it doesn't seem to be moving, it could be in cold shock. Sea turtles often go into cold shock on Long Island in the wintertime – if you see one on the beach, call the Riverhead Foundation for Marine Research and Preservation's 24-Hour Stranding Hotline at (631) 369 - 9829 immediately. If you see a pond turtle, frog or bat that is not moving, or looks sick, call the Wildlife Rescue Center of the Hamptons at (631) 728 - 4200, and follow their instructions.

If you see these animals in March, when it starts to get warm, don't worry or call any of the rescues. Just go outside, take a walk, and welcome them back!

– Sabrina C. Mashburn

KID KALENDAR

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CMEE – 12/15 – 6-7:30 p.m. Pizza and pajama night. $7 for adults, $5 for children. Located at 376 Bridgehampton Sag Harbor Turnpike, Bridgehampton. Call 631-537-8250 or visit www.cmee.org.

GOLDEN EAGLE – 12/16 – 10-11 a.m. "Pop Up Card Making" with Karyn Mannix. $20 including materials. Located at 14 Gingerbread Lane, East Hampton. Call 631-324-0603.

BIDE-A-WEE – 12/16 – 11 a.m.- 2 p.m. Children and pets are invited to take photos with Santa. There will be a door prize of a $50 gift certificate to the Build A Bear Workshop. All proceeds benefit Bide-A-Wee, which is a non-profit humane organization. Located at 118 Old Country Road, Westhampton. Call 631-325-0200.

HOLIDAY CRAFTS – 12/16 – 10:30 a.m. Crafts for ages 8 to 12. Located at 17 Meeting House Lane, Southampton. Call 631-283-2494 for reservations.

CMEE – 12/17 – 6-7:30 p.m. "Just me and my Dad Sundays," bake gingerbread. $10 members and $12 non-members. Located at 376 Bridgehampton Sag Harbor Turnpike, Bridgehampton. Call 631-537-8250 or visit www.cmee.org.

ONGOING

INDOOR PLAY GYM – Saturdays, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. For children up to 6 years of age. Located at The Country School, 7 Industrial Road, Wainscott. Call 631-537-2255.

CREATIVE ART WORKSHOPS – The Parrish Art Museum will offer art workshops for children aged 2 and 3 on Thursdays this fall. Classes will run from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Located at 25 Jobs Lane, Southampton. Call 631-283-2118, ext. 30.

TEEN THESPIANS – 10/11-12/20 – Creative, motivated teens ages 13 through 18 can participate in ACT TWO, a teen theatre workshop. The classes will be held on Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Hayground School, 151 Mitchells Lane, Bridgehampton. Call 631-287-5734.

QUOGUE LIBRARY STORYTIME – Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Join other children of all age groups as they enjoy story time, literacy games, puzzles and more. Located at 90 Quogue Street, Quogue. Call for times and special programs, 631-653-4224.

MOVEMENT PROGRAM – 11/22-12/20 – The Town of Southampton Parks and Recreation is hosting the Children's Creative Movement and Tumbling Program. For children age 18 months to 6 years old. The program will take place Wednesday mornings at the Arts and Crafts Center, 24 Jackson Avenue, Hampton Bays. Call 631-728-8585.

CMEE – 6-7:30 p.m. "Multicultural Saturdays: Peace around the world art workshops." $20 members and $22 non-members. Located at 376 Bridgehampton Sag Harbor Turnpike, Bridgehampton. Call 631-537-8250 or visit www.cmee.org.

CHESS WEDNESDAYS – Children in grades 3 through 8 are invited to come learn the game of chess. Classes will be held from 3:30-4:45 p.m. on Wednesdays. Located at the Quogue Library, 90 Quogue Street, Quogue. Call 631-653-4224.

AFTERNOON YOGA – Thursdays, 4-5 p.m. Children ages 7 through 10 are invited to learn the art of yoga at the Quogue Library. Located at 90 Quogue Street, Quogue. Call 631-653-4224.

MUSICAL TUESDAYS – "Making Music with Ina and Friends," for children up to 5 years old. Located at the Arts & Crafts Center, 24 Jackson Ave., Hampton Bays. Call 631-728-8585.

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When In Manhattan... BY OLIVER PETERSON

NY Botanical Garden

One thing that rarely comes to mind when thinking about New York City is magnificent flora – plants, flowers, and trees. Those of us that live in the Hamptons are used to fields and lush patches of woods in between blocks of houses new and old, but believe it or not, there is a place in New York that makes our selection of plants pale in comparison. It's not Central Park. This column is usually based in Manhattan, but there are four other boroughs that shouldn't be ignored. The New York Botanical Garden in the Bronx is not only a place to experience some rare and wonderful plants, but it's also one of the many city attractions running special programs for the holidays.

True to New York's ability to have the best of everything, the Garden is one the planet's greatest collection of plants. It was founded in 1891 and with its 50 gardens and collections, an indoor and outdoor children's museum, an "ecotour" conservatory, and a 250-acre property, it has become our region's top educational center for gardening and horticulture and an international center for plant research. The Garden is a National Historic Landmark that's a short drive from home. Even here in the relatively rural Hamptons, we see the yearly expansion of the real estate sprawl and destruction of our remaining farmland and temperate forest. The New York Botanical Garden serves as an advocate for the plant kingdom in the same way a zoo presents animals with the mission of expanding our love for them through firsthand experience. They may be prisoners of sorts, but their sacrifice of freedom makes them emissaries for their species threatened in far-off lands. The plants at the Garden coupled with programs like the International Plant Science Center will enlighten any visitor to the importance of preserving the world's remaining green areas through comprehensive education, research, and the simple act of communing with beautifully presented natural wonders.

For this holiday season, the Garden has created some excellent programs that should wow kids and adults alike. Running through January 7, the 15th annual Holiday Train Show in the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory is one of the city's most beloved holiday traditions and this year is said to be the best yet. The Conservatory has been made into a magical place containing replicas of over 140 New York landmarks – like St. Patrick's Cathedral and Yankee Stadium – built completely from plant matter like, bark, berries, twigs, leaves, and seeds. It's called the Train Show for the large model trains and trolleys that cruise through the fantastic landscape of landmarks, tunnels, bridges, waterfalls and lights. This year, replicas of fancy Manhattan homes and mansions have been added to the collection under the banner "Magical Missing Mansions," signifying the homes that were once celebrated but didn't hold up through the test of time. The models are meticulously detailed and subtly colored using only plants – no paint or added materials. From the statue at Grand Central Terminal to the red shingles on the roof of Sunnyside, Washington Irving's (author of *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*) home on the Hudson in Tarrytown, no detail has been spared. It's advisable to buy tickets ($18) in advance during this busy season. Call Ticketmaster at (212) 220-0503 or go to www.Ticketmaster.com.

If you're visiting with your kids, you'll definitely want to send them along to Gingerbread Adventures in the Everett Children's Adventure Garden. Here they will examine the plants that make up a gingerbread recipe – like cinnamon bark and ginger root. Kids are invited to make sachets, decorate gingersnap cookies, and play in a kid-sized gingerbread house. Also on display are real gingerbread houses created by some of New York's most acclaimed and imaginative bakers. Children will touch, taste, feel, see, and smell the fun.

The seasonal events are cool, but remember that the Garden has much more to offer than trains and gingerbread. A visit makes for a fascinating and educational day that will take you through a whole world of plants. I've always been impressed with the way the different regions are conditioned. The desert area, for example, is dry and hot and a total change from the section before it. You'd be surprised how interesting and sophisticated the variety of plants can be, even for non-green thumbs like me.

The New York Botanical Garden is open Tuesday-Sunday from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. through the holiday season. Go to www.NYBG.org or call Ticketmaster for rates, times, dates, and directions.

CLASSIC CARS WITH BOB GELBER

Virtually every car buff magazine on the stands has a section on automobile-oriented gifts for the holiday season. Year after year, they are always the same suggestions. This year, I've decided to write a column suggesting what NOT to buy car buffs for the holiday season. Just remember, I'm the arbitor of all things good and evil when it comes to anything related to automobiles. After all, I was the only one who originally called the Honda Ridgeline pickup truck one ugly puppy when it first appeared, the first auto scribe to call pedal shifters on steering wheels silly, and one of the few auto writers in America who seem to be shouting that large gas consuming engines in everyday cars are really a stupid idea.

DON'T BUY automotive GPS navigation systems. These devices are really great in airplanes and boats, where three quarters of the time pilots and sea captains don't know where the hell they actually are. After all, there are no street or highway signs in the air or on the oceans. But in a car, ninety-nine percent of the time most drivers know where they are. I've had a GPS system in one of my cars for the last five years, and aside from the fact that it wows passengers, it serves very little practical use. The system can be made to prompt me in English, French or German, but I don't speak French or German. I didn't graduate from MIT with a master's in computer programming, so I find the GPS quite user unfriendly. On one trip I couldn't get the thing to stop shouting at me in German.

GPS navigation systems are also expensive. Mine was a $2,100 option. There are many after-market models one can buy in the five-hundred dollar range, which seem to be every bit as informative as the factory installed options, and it makes one wonder if perhaps auto manufacturers have found another gizmo with which to fleece the public. My biggest complaint about GPS systems is that I feel they are potentially dangerous, because you are inclined to take your eyes off the road. The best designed factory units sit atop the dashboard, in your line of sight with the highway. I would certainly not buy one that sat below the dash. Use common sense and a road map. Better yet, bring your wife along.

DON' T BUY cheap tires. When you really think about it, the rubber on a tire is less than a sixteenth of an inch thick and the tire patch that is on the ground is only about eight inches long. Multiply this by four tires and the fact is that all you have holding your 180 MPH Porsche or Ferrari or your 6,000 pound SUV onto a tight curve is 32 inches of very thin rubber. This is, as they say, where the rubber meets the road. Tires are the most important part of a car's safety system. All tires have a traction, treadwear and temperature rating on their sidewalls. These are important, especially traction and temperature. Be aware that the best handling tires usually are made of softer rubber compound than lesser road-gripping tires. They usually have a dismal life span and a low wear rating. Unless you are driving a high performance sports car, you don't need a hyper performance tire. Look for a good compromise between wear and road grip. Any competent tire retailer can give you proper advice.

DON'T BUY an electric polisher. First of all, if you are inexperienced and use an electric polisher for the first time with the wrong type of polish, you can seriously damage the paint on your car. I know, I've been there and have actually rubbed through the clear coat and accidentally polished my car down to bare metal. My $59.95 polisher cost me $600 to have a professional fix my error and repaint the part of the car I damaged. Please be aware that dark colored cars are extremely hard to polish. Even by hand, they never seem to come out right. The best way to polish a car is to have a professional detailer do it. They know all the tricks. One polish job per year is usually enough.

DON'T tint your car windows darker than factory. Lots of folks darken their car windows because they think it looks cool. To me, it looks like you are either a sexual predator or a drug dealer. It certainly looks like you have something to hide. I'm always amused when I see a really expensive and beautiful car with blacked out windows. If I were that car owner, I'd certainly want every one to see me in that ride. Another fact: darkened windows really harm your night vision. Don't ever try backing up a car with dark glass on a moonless night.

DON'T BUY super big aftermarket wheels. I know the latest craze is for 17, 18, 19 and even 20-inch wheels. First of all, these wheels are usually quite expensive, and on many vehicles they make the car look like a pimp-mobile. Secondly, and most important, have you factored in what tires will cost you for these size wheels? Some of these tire sizes are stupid expensive. By stupid expensive I mean they can cost as much as $400 a piece. Also, if you drive often in the pothole capital of the world, New York City, you are bound not only to ruin your expensive tires, but also damage your cartoon-like wheels. Choose wisely. Happy Holidays.

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FRIDAY, 15

BAY STREET THEATRE – 12/15 – 8 p.m. The Picture Show at Bay Street Theatre is proud to present Eli Wallach in a conversation hosted by Jeffrey Lyons, live on stage after the screening of the *The Misfits*. Proceeds go toward supporting The Picture Show at Bay Street programming and to the National Film Preservation Foundation. Located at Bay Street and Main, Sag Harbor. Visit www.baystreet.org or call 631-725-9500.

SOUTHAMPTON VILLAGE MENORAH LIGHTING – 12/15 – 3:15 p.m. Located at the corner of Jobs Lane and Main Street. Call the Chabad of Southampton Jewish Center for questions, 631-287-2249.

LOAVES & FISHES COOKSHOP – 12/15 – 6-8:30 p.m. Beginnings and endings with Michael Vignapiano. All classes are held at the Bridgehampton Inn located on the corner of Montauk Highway and Butter Lane. Call 631-537-3660 or www.landfcookshop.com.

THE JEWISH CENTER OF THE HAMPTONS – 12/15, 12/17 – 5:30 p.m., 10 a.m. On Friday, celebrate Shabbat on the Beach followed by a Chanukah dinner; reservations are required. On Sunday, there is a children's Chanukah party and toy drive and a winter coat sale sponsored by the youth group. Located at 44 Woods Lane, East Hampton. Call 631-324-9858.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT – 12/15 – 6:30 p.m. The John Jermain Library will show *The Devil Wears Prada*. Located at 201 Main Street, Sag Harbor. Call 631-725-0049.

LIVE MUSIC – 12/15 – 7-11 p.m. Every Friday, Jane Hastay and Peter Martin Weiss play live music at the CoCo Restaurant at The Maidstone Arms Inn. Located at 207 Main Street, East Hampton. Call 631-324-5008.

✓ **PICK OF THE WEEK**
CHANUKAH CONCERT – 12/16 – 6:30 p.m. Yosi Piamenta and Band will perform. Latkes, doughnuts and Chanukah activities for children. Southampton Hospital Parrish Hall.

PUBLICK HOUSE – 12/15 – 10:30 p.m. Southampton Publick House has brought back live music with Project Vibe every Friday night. Located at 40 Bowden Square, Southampton. Call 631-283-6500.

LIFE DRAWING FRIDAYS – 12/15 – 5-7 p.m. Life-drawing classes for ages 18 and above. Studio classes will meet in the Boots Lamb Education Center. Located at Guild Hall, 158 Main Street, East Hampton. Call 631-324-0806.

ALMONDITO – 12/15 – 8-11 p.m. Almondito is now offering Jazz on Friday nights. Located at 290 Montauk Highway, East Hampton. Call 631-329-6700.

CIGAR BAR – 12/15 – 8 p.m.- 4 a.m. "Full Size Friday," specials with the DJ playing hip-hop and dance music. Located at 2 Main Street, Sag Harbor. Call 631-725-2575 or visit www.hamptonscigarbar.com.

STAR ROOM – 12/15 – Hip-Hop Friday nights with an in-house DJ. Open bar from 10 p.m.-12 a.m. Located at Montauk Highway, Wainscott. Call 631-537-3332.

THE STEPHEN TALKHOUSE – 12/15 – Inda Eaton at 8 p.m., tickets $10. Mamba Loco at 10 p.m., tickets $10. Located at 161 Main Street, Amagansett. Call 631-267-3117.

SATURDAY, 16

POLAR BEAR PLUNGE FOR HUNGER – 12/16 – 9:30 a.m. The plunge will raise funds for The Human Resources of the Hamptons, a charity serving local needy people. Located at Cooper's Beach on Meadow Lane, off Dune Road, Southampton. For more information call Mary Ann Tupper at 631-283-6415 or visit www.hrhamptons.org.

BAY STREET THEATRE – 12/16 – 8 p.m. The Picture Show at Bay Street Theatre is proud to present Lauren Bacall and Sidney Lumet in a conversation hosted by Jeffrey Lyons, live on stage after the screening of the 1974 Agatha Christie classic *Murder On The Orient Express*. Proceeds go toward supporting The Picture Show at Bay Street programming and to the National Film Preservation Foundation. Located at Bay Street and Main, Sag Harbor. Visit www.baystreet.org or call 631-725-9500.

SOUTHAMPTON CHANUKAH CONCERT – 12/16 – 6:30 p.m. Yosi Piamenta and Band will perform. There will be gourmet hot latkes, doughnuts and Chanukah activities for children. Located at the Southampton Hospital Parrish Hall on the corner of Herrick Road andLewis Street, Southampton. Call 631-287-2249.

BOOK SIGNING – 12/16 – 1-4 p.m. Meet the authors of *Stoked: The Evolution of Action Sports*. Co-creative and editorial directors Claudia Lebenthal and Daniel Stark will be on hand to sign copies. Located at H. Groome, 9 Main Street, Southampton. Call 631-283-9130.

***DAN'S PAPERS* FILM FESTIVAL** – 12/16 – 3 p.m. The *Dan's Papers* They Made The Movies Here film festival. Showing *Masquerade*. Located at the Westhampton Beach Performing Art Center, 76 Main Street, Westhampton Beach. Call 631-288-2350 or visit www.WHBPAC.com.

CANIO'S BOOKS – 12/16 – 6 p.m. A reading of selections from *Sag Harbor Is: a Literary Celebration*, edited by Maryann Calendrille with photographs by Kathryn Szoka. Located at 290 Main Street, Sag Harbor. Call 631-725-4926.

EAST END BOOKS – 12/16 – 6-7 p.m. Meet author Dennis Watlington who will read from and sign copies of his new book *Chasing America: A Memoir*, a portrait of a black Baby Boomer's crossover journey through the racial terrain of the second half of the Twentieth Century. Located at 53 The Circle, East Hampton. Call 631-324-8680.

SOUTHAMPTON COUNTRY HOLIDAY – 12/16 – 2-4 p.m. Children can have photos taken with Santa at the Southampton Chamber office. Victorian carolers will also add melodies and tunes and there will be the chance to take a "horse and buggy ride" through the village. Sponsored by the Southampton Chamber of Commerce. Call 631-283-0402.

THE NUTCRACKER – 12/16, 12/17 – The Seiskaya Ballet's *Nutcracker* is scheduled at Stony Brook University's Staller Center for the Arts. Complete performance information plus on-line ticketing are available at www.nutcrackerballet.com or by 631-632-ARTS or 1-866-NUT-TICS.

WINTER CONCERT – 12/16 – 4 p.m. The Peconic Youth Orchestra will present their annual winter concert at the Southampton Cultural Center, 2 Pond Lane, Southampton. Call 631-287-4377.

HOLIDAY WORKSHOP – 12/16 – 10 a.m. Marders Nursery presents a Holiday wreath-making workshop. All the materials to make a beautiful wreath are available, adults and children are welcome.

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ALMONDITO – 12/16 – 10:30 p.m. Almondito is now offering Karaoke on Saturday nights. Located at 290 Montauk Highway, East Hampton. Call 631-329-6700.

THE STEPHEN TALKHOUSE – 12/16 – Holiday Extravaganza with The Blaggards and The Lone Sharks at 10 p.m., tickets $10. Located at 161 Main Street, Amagansett. Call 631-267-3117.

THE HAMPTON SYNAGOGUE – 12/16, 12/17 – 8 p.m., 11 a.m. Chanukah Latke Party on Saturday at 8 p.m. in Edelstein Hall. On Sunday at 11 a.m., there will be a Chanukah party with music, entertainment and refreshments in Edelstein Hall. Located at 154 Sunset Avenue, Westhampton Beach, Call 631-288-0534.

SUNDAY, 17

BRIDGEHAMPTON MENORAH LIGHTING – 12/17 – 4 p.m. Located at the Bridgehampton Commons in front of K Mart, Bridgehampton.

PIERRE'S RESTAURANT – 12/17 – 6:30-9:30 p.m. Pierre's Restaurant Pianist Jane Hastay and bassist Peter Martin Weiss will perform Jazz standards by Gershwin, Porter, Ellington, Jobim and others. Located at 2468 Main Street, Bridgehampton. Call 631-537-5110.

LIVE NATIVITY SCENE – 12/17 – 6-8 p.m. A Hampton Bays United Methodist Church tradition. Located at 158 West Montauk Highway, Hampton Bays. Call 631-728-1660.

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ROGERS MEMORIAL LIBRARY – 12/18 – 7 p.m. Congressman Tim Bishop will come to the Morris Meeting Room to talk about local and national issues of note in 2006. Located at 91 Coopers Farm Road, Southampton. Call 631-283-0774.

TUESDAY, 19

ROCK N' ROLL TUESDAYS – 12/19 – 9 p.m. Alison Restaurant presents a free movie screening, title is to be announced. Located at 95 School Street, Bridgehampton. Call 631-537-7100.

THURSDAY, 21

TWILIGHT THURSDAYS – 12/21– 5-7:30 p.m. Enjoy wine by the glass while relaxing to the music of Jazz guitarist Peter Martin Weiss. No cover. Located at Wölffer Estate Vineyard, 139 Sagg Road, Sagaponack. Visit www.wolffer.com or call 631-537-5106.

LOAVES & FISHES COOKSHOP – 12/21 – 6-8:30 p.m. Traditional Italian Christmas dinner with Michael Vignapiano. All classes are held at the Bridgehampton Inn located on the corner of Montauk Highway and Butter Lane. Call 631-537-3660 or www.landfcookshop.com.

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SATURDAY, 16

ELLISTON PARK HIKE – 12/16 – 10 a.m.- 12 p.m. Great variety in a moderately paced 4-mile hike. Meet at park entrance on Millstone Brook Road, Southampton. Call Howard Reisman, 631-283-5376.

HORSEBACK HIKE – 12/16 – Ride the bay to ocean trail through beautiful Sagaponack. Bring your own horse, limit 6 riders. Call Dai Dayton for details, 631-537-0660.

POINT WOODS AND CAMP HERO HIKE – 12/16 – 10 a.m. Meet at Camp Hero Road, about 1 mile east of Deep Hollow Ranch, Montauk. Call Eva Moore, 631-238-5134.

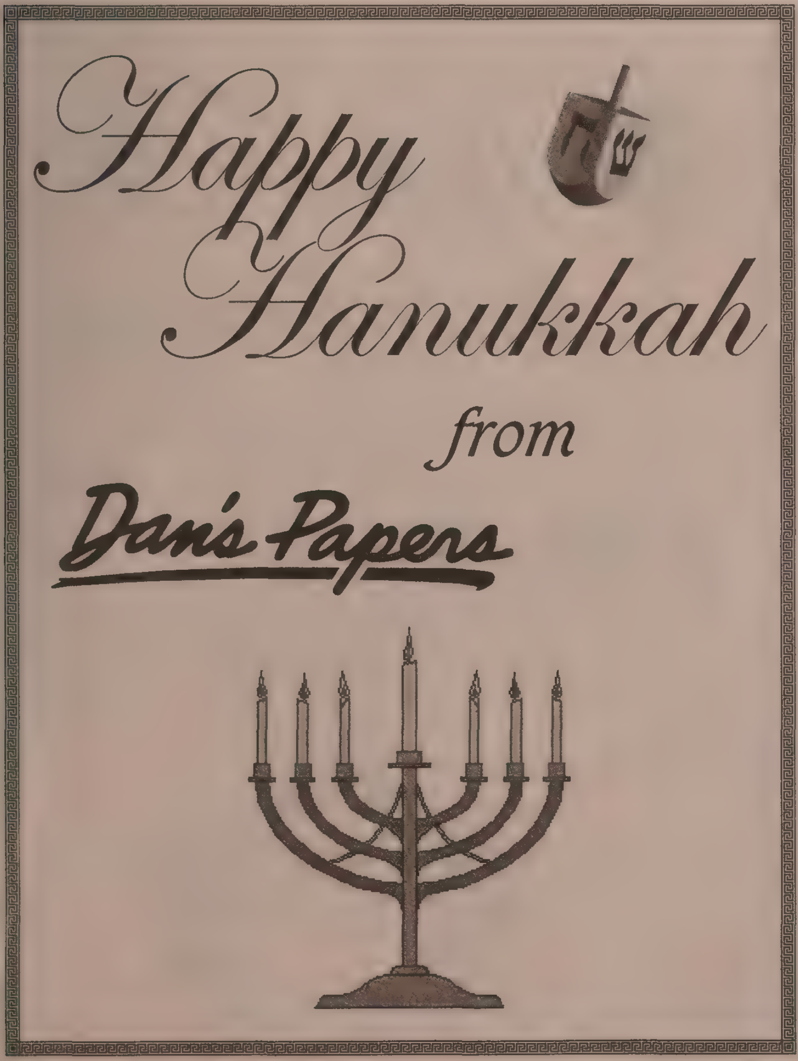
GRACE ESTATE HIKE – 12/16 – Contact Kate Schertel for reservations or more information. Call 631-537-1400.

SUNDAY, 17

TROUT POND HIKE – 12/17 – 10-11:30 a.m. Meet at the parking lot on Noyac Road, Noyac. Fast paced 3 miles. Call Chip Dineen, 646-221-8225.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Joseph Marchese, technical director of The John Drew Theater died at St. Charles Hospice in Port Jefferson, on Saturday, December 2 after a long and valiant battle with brain cancer. Tax deductible donations to help the Marchese family can be made by writing your check to The Greek Orthodox Church of the Hamptons with a memo line "Joe Marchese" The mailing address is Joe Marchese, c/o Greek Orthodox Church of the Hamptons, 111 Saint Andrews Road, Southampton, NY 11968. Guild Hall is organizing a memorial service for their beloved technical director on Sunday, December 17 at 1 p.m. People who knew and loved Joe are invited to come and share their condolences, memories and thoughts. For further information, please call Guild Hall at 631-324-0806.



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The Prettiest Plants of the Season

Poinsettias, Mistletoe and Bonsai trees are exchanged quite generously during the holiday season. It's a nice gesture, but other houseplants such as the Guzmania Lungulatas (Scarlet Star), Medinilla Magnifica (Medinilla) and Ionopsis (Violet Orchid) certainly sprout more prominent and beautiful flowers. So, what gives? They seem humble, which is synonymous with Christmas. But why are these flowers singled out among so many others as the quintessential Holiday plants?

The legend of the Poinsettia follows two poor Mexican children on their search for a present to add to the manger scene in their village church. The children loved Christmas but were too poor to give presents to each other, and more importantly, couldn't afford anything for the manger scene. They decided to pick weeds as they walked to give as their present to Jesus. But when they arrived to the church they were severely teased by the other children. They had done what they could, and the two of them knew that was what truly mattered. Slowly, they placed the plants one by one around the manger when miraculously they all bloomed luminescent, star shaped flowers. Their modesty and generosity had been rewarded. Pulcherrima, pulcher meaning tidiest in Latin, was given it's more common name by Robert Poinsett who introduced the plant to America in 1825. In fact, Poinsettias are so popular that December 12 is known as Poinsettia day in the US.

In 200 B.C, Ancient Celtic Druids decorated their homes with mistletoe to celebrate the coming of winter. The cutting of the mistletoe with a golden sickle on the sixth lunar day marked the commencement of a ritual that entailed sacrificing two white bulls during a prayer ceremony for those who received the mistletoe. Mistletoe was thought by the Druids to not only be lucky, but to grant fertility for women and cure forms of poisoning.

Mistletoe is considered the sexual part of the sacred oak tree and kissing under the mistletoe can be traced to the Scandinavians who associated mistletoe with Frigga, their goddess of love. But the first known romantic rendezvous occurred during the ancient Greek festival of Saturnalia. The origin of the name Mistletoe is derived from the thought that the plant prospered in manure and dung, and strangely enough, was also thought to grow from bird droppings. "Mistle" is the Anglo-Saxon word for "dung," and "tan" is the word for "twig" so combined together you have something that roughly translates as " dung-on-a- twig". Breathmint, anyone? Sadly, Mistletoe is so popular that it has almost become endangered, so buy sparingly or go for the plastic imitation.

Christmas Bonsai trees are a great alternative to a traditional cut tree. They are obviously smaller in size and potted so you can continue to care for them even after the holidays are over. Alternatives to cut trees have always been a concern among conservationists who have suggested decorating a living tree nearby or a palm tree if you spend winter on Christmas Island like Mr. Buffett.

Blandfordia Grandiflora, or Christmas Bells is one of many flowers in Australia that has been long associated with Holidays. Christmas Bells have ten large-shaped flowers that range from yellow to deep red and have long, spiky grass leaves. *Burasaria Spinoza,* or the Christmas Bush has dark green, shiny leaves and masses of tiny white flowers that cover the bush in late spring. A Christmas Bush can be grown in any condition, so it may be an exotic and original alternative to the Poinsettia or Christmas Cacti. Christmas Cacti, conveniently, bloom right around Christmas time making them ideal for decorating your home.

Aside from the United States, the Lebanese plant seeds in small pots so that when Christmas comes around, the seeds have grown to small green bushes, which are then placed around the trees and outside the caves where the nativity scenes are. And in St. Lucia, entire houses are filled with Poinsettias. It is apparent that the adoration of Holiday plants is a deep, worldly tradition.

Holiday plants have warded off evil spirits during the Middle Ages and have been placed over house and stable doors to prevent the invasion of evil witches. They have been considered symbols of peace in Scandinavia by which feuding spouses could make-up and have been cut down to portray the emasculation of a King.

When giving plants or bouquets this Christmas season, think past their beauty and consider their true meaning. It may put some other things in perspective for you.

– Skye Hilton

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By A Present, Save The World

Can't think of what to get for your friend, colleague, or family member? Why not give a gift that will make you both feel good and help the environment at the same time? From local Long Island animal rescues to international organizations, here are some wonderful gifts that will help you save the world.

Locally, places like the Quogue Wildlife Refuge, the Riverhead Society for Marine Preservation and the Amaryllis Farm Horse Rescue all have animal adoption or sponsorship programs that donate every penny of donations to a specific animal's care. The Quogue Wildlife Refuge's animal adoption program is perfect for animal lovers of all ages, and the funds raised go directly towards enhancing the adoptee's habitat, paying for their veterinary care, and feeding them. You can help care for one of their permanent residents, such as a red fox, bald eagle, bobcat, kestrel, barn owl, great horned owl, or red-tailed hawk, for between $10 and $350 to support an animal for one month, or all year long. In return, the adopter will receive all sorts of gifts, such as a certificate of adoption, a fact sheet about "their" animal, a professional photograph of their adoptee and even recognition on the Refuge's "tree of adopters." Adopters can also visit their animal in person, since every adoptable animal is a permanent resident of the Refuge.

If you would rather adopt a seal, whale, dolphin or sea turtle, then head to the Riverhead Foundation for Marine Research and Preservation, or log on to their website. Not only can you "adopt" any animal in their care and receive a photo and story about their rescue, you can also add a plush version of your animal to your adoption package for $5 or $10, depending on the size of the toy.

For horse lovers, Amaryllis Farm also offers a sponsorship program. It is very exciting for a sponsor to be able to watch "their" horse grow from a frightened feedlot rescue to a glistening steed, knowing that their donation, or the donation given in their name, helped make it happen. And if you have enough room and resources to bring one home, most of the horses at Amaryllis farm are up for adoption, and would love to have a new owner to care for them. To help homeless animals everywhere, check out the ASPCA's holiday shop, where you can purchase great gifts and donate to the nation's first animal welfare organization with 100% of every purchase. Domestic animals on Long Island also need help this holiday season, and the Animal Rescue Fund of the Hamptons' 2007 Pet Calendar is a great present for any dog or cat lover. And you don't have to drive to ARF in Wainscott to pick one up, as they are being sold in bookstores, galleries and specialty shops all over Long Island. When you donate $50 or more to the Humane Society of the United States, which also helps pets in need, you will receive an adorable plush toy in a very fashionable over-the-shoulder carrier, a much more eco and wallet-friendly version of the purse dog.

Even non-animal lovers can save the world. Buying acres of rainforest is a great way to help protect what little natural habitats, and natural air-purifiers (trees) we have left. You can even give a potted sapling along with the rainforest acres, to be planted in the spring to help clean the air right here in Long Island. You can purchase rainforest acres on-line through www.charityusa.com. If you want your holiday shopping dollars to go towards saving the earth, www.charityusa.com has separate sites to help everyone, from animals, to people, forests and waterways – simply click on the cause of your choice. Then, click on companies' links, where you will receive a discount on items you would normally buy, and donate a portion of the money you spent to charities supporting your favorite cause. There are also on-line shops at these sites that will tell you how many bowls of food for animals in shelters, or for hungry children around the world, or acres of rainforest you have saved with every purchase. If you want to really help feed the hungry, give the gift of a cow, beehive, knitting basket or crops to a farming family through Heifer International. Your gift will enable them to be independent for many years.

No matter what cause is closest to your heart, you can find a way to donate this holiday season, simply by shopping at stores that have pledged to give a portion of your dollars spent to a charity you want to support.

– Sabrina C. Mashburn

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Don't Box Me In! I'm a Puppy, Not a Present!

After deciding to bring a new pet into the family, many people think that the holiday season would be the perfect time to tie a bow around their little furr ball and unleash him on his new family. Anyone who has ever successfully raised a well-trained animal, however, knows that the *worst* time of year to bring a new pet home is before or during the holidays.

Even the most courageous animals are intimidated by new situations and when they arrive at a new home, it must be a quiet haven where everyone can focus on the new arrival's needs until he is settled. It is impossible to teach a new puppy or kitten that he can't use the kitchen floor as a bathroom, eat the Christmas tree, or climb up the living room drapes when all of the adults in the household are busy cooking, wrapping gifts, going to parties and preparing for houseguests. A puppy or kitten will quickly become destructive or timid and prone to biting if he has not been properly acclimated to his new surroundings from the moment he arrives. A confusing, commotion-filled first few weeks will make training and socialization much more difficult.

However, responsible would-be pet parents can still give their child, or themselves, a new pet for the holidays and avoid all of the negative consequences that usually accompany a puppy or kitten given as a gift, by following a few simple guidelines.

One of the most efficient ways to give a pet as a gift is to have the pet picked out before the hustle and bustle of the season sets in. In order to find the breed of dog or cat that is right for your family, try using Animal Planet's online breed selectors at http://animal.discovery.com. Once you have selected a breed, contact the national breed club for a list of trusted breeders in your area. Or, type the breed's name into the search bar at www.petfinder.org to find pictures and descriptions of animals in need of good homes. When you have chosen your pet, make sure to get a photo and leave a deposit with the breeder or rescue to put your pet on hold. Every reputable breeder, and most animal shelters, will hold an animal for up to one month, usually at no charge, until their new family is prepared to bring them home. Once you have your sale or adoption agreement in hand, it's time to go shopping!

New pets require a myriad of supplies and these should be purchased well before their arrival. Bowls, collars, food, a bed, a crate, toys and grooming implements can be presented as gifts before the new pet comes home to build suspense. For young children who need something more tangible to unwrap, purchase a stuffed substitute for their new pet, dress it in the new pet's collar and leash, put the plush in the pet's crate, wrap the whole package in holiday wrapping and bows, and affix a card with the pet's photograph inside. For older children and adults, the pet's picture in a card, with a coupon for "1 Puppy" or "1 Kitten," should have a similarly thrilling effect. If you don't have a pet picked out yet, simply purchase all the supplies and instead of having a specific animal's picture in the gift card, just put a puppy or kitten "coupon" in the card. Plan to take a trip to a shelter or a breeder's home after the holidays where your family can choose a new pet together and prepare to pick him up when the household has settled back into a normal, non-holiday routine.

Animals, especially young ones, are very sensitive to their environments, and nothing they use or interact with should change in the first year or so with their new family. The time between your pet's purchase or adoption and his homecoming is a perfect opportunity to decide where they will fit into their new family's lives, what times they will be walked and fed, which vet they will go to for their first check-up, and where and with whom they will sleep. Not only will scheduling their arrival until after the holidays make your new pet happier and more comfortable, it will also make the holidays less stressful for everyone in the family. By the time your puppy or kitten arrives, all his new family will have to do is enjoy him.

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Santa is on his way to the Hamptons. I haven't done much holiday shopping myself because of my knee injury, but I know exactly what's going on at all the shops and stores. Let's do some holiday shopping!

Pine Cone and **Respectable Collectibles** are now under one roof, at 1 Glovers Lane in Westhampton Beach. At Pine Cone, Judy has a Holiday Sale in progress on decorative home accessories from companies that include Maitland Smith, Bradburn Gallery, Limoges, Haleyon Days and more, at 20% to 50% off. Respectable Collectibles is filled with antiques, vintage Christmas decorations, handcrafted ornaments and lots of holiday candles all wrapped, ribboned and ready to go.

At **Messina Jewelry** on Main Street in Westhampton Beach (631-288-2967), you will be happy to find a 50% off Holiday Sale from December 15 through 17…… Get gift shopping…… It's only a three-day sale, so don't miss it!

Judith Anne's Toy Shop on Jobs Lane in Southampton is featuring a Storewide Holiday Sale, with 20% to 70% off of all merchandise. Everyone loves a sale, so get going……

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For something really special, let us not forget to shop for our pets. Local artist Kimberly McSparran, Pet Portraits & Botanicals, Enid Hatton and Helen LaValle are showcasing their memorable holiday gifts at **Ann Madonia Antiques** on Jobs Lane in Southampton through Christmas. Gift portraits of your favorite person, place or pet in oil or watercolor, or sculptures in bronze, marble or plaster make wonderful holiday gifts for those special people in your life. Kimberly is known for her famous "Hamptons Golf Club" porcelain giftware and prints, a perfect way to say "happy holidays" to your favorite golfer. A portion of the proceeds from the sale of the artwork will be donated to The American Cancer Society.

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Winter Lights for Eight Holy Nights

In many town greens across the country stands a Christmas trees. More and more often that tree is accompanied by a large Menorah, the most recognizable symbol of the Jewish holiday Chanukah. These Menorahs, whether in the town square or in the window of a home, hold the flames that are lit over the eight-day holiday, known commonly as the Festivals of Lights. The Menorah looks like the roots from which those lights grow, just as the roots of the holiday springs from the Menorah itself.

Chanukah was born out of a miracle that surrounded a Menorah centuries ago. Ancient Jewish temples housed a seven-branched candelabrum and still do today, yet the eight candle Menorah is used specifically for Chanukah. Every night, the temple's Kohanium, a member of the holy men who later lost popularity and status to rabbis, would light the candelabrum. Then every morning he would clean it, replacing the wicks and refilling the cups with fresh olive oil. (The Kohanium's title gives us the term "Kohein," which is the root of the common Jewish surname, Cohen.)

These candelabrums were constructed in accordance with the exacting guidelines given in Exodus 25:31-40. The passage calls for "a candlestick of pure gold," made "of beaten work." It requires that the base, shaft, cups, knops, and flowers all be made of one piece with three branches protruding from either side. The text delves into specific, but imaginative details, describing the look of each branch, calling for "three cups made like almond-flowers in one branch, a knop and a flower." Lamps like these still stand in today's synagogues where they are known by the name *ner tamid*, which is literally translated as "continuous lamp."

Though they have endured until today, their presence in temples was once threatened along with the rest of the Jewish religion. Although Alexander the Great practiced a rule of tolerance towards Judaism and of moderate Jewish autonomy when he conquered Syria, Egypt, his successor, Antiochus IV was not so benevolent. His rise to power in 175 B.C.E. was marked by oppression and massacres of the Jews, as well defilement of the Jewish religion. A revolt against Hellenistic rule was lead by two groups; the Pharisees lead by Mattathias the Hasmonean and his son Judah Maccabee, and the religious traditional group, Sadducees (no relation to the modern movement), the forerunners of the Pharisees. The revolution, which also revolted against the assimilation of Hellenistic Jews, was victorious and the temple was rededicated.

Chanukah is a commemoration of that victory, but because Jewish law does not glorify military victory, the holiday is more a celebration of the miracle that followed the rededication. According to the Talmud, when the Jews retook the Temple, which had been largely damaged in the siege, they found that only enough oil remained undefiled by the Hellenistic rulers to light the lamp for one night. Yet, the oil lasted for eight. This prompted the declaration of an eight-day festival, the Festival of Lights.

Since the declaration of the holiday, the menorah has changed. While the temple lamp had seven branches, the holiday menorah has nine. Candles are usually used now instead of the antiquated oil. Also, few household menorahs are made of pure gold. In fact, they currently come in all materials, sizes, and styles. They can be brass, silver, crystal, ceramic, pewter, or even stained glass. Traditional menorahs bare rounded branches that slope upwards. More modern ones have angular branches that shoot off the stem at a 45 degree angle. Large modern ones like these have been displayed everywhere from the snows of Anchorage, Alaska to the American-captured Saddam's palace, and even at the edge of Niagara Falls.

This public display of menorahs is part of the mitzvah, or good deed, of Chanukah that urges the publicizing of the miracle of the oil. For this reason, placing the menorah in a doorway, opposite the mezuzah, or window is preferable. While the use of oil over candles is also preferred, both count towards a mitzvah. Using an electric menorah, however, does not count, but is acceptable as decoration.

Whatever the style, menorahs are lit in the same way. Candles are added, one each night, from right to left (as Hebrew is read). They are lit from left to right (to honor the newer ones first) with the *shamus* or servant candle, given this name because of its functionality. After the blessings are recited, the candles must burn for at least half an hour. Candles are lit after sundown as a reminder of the light that persists even in the darkest hour.

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The Middle Nights of Your Festival of Lights

Growing up, I remember my non-Jewish friends being jealous and angry year after year about the fact that instead of one morning of presents, I was treated to eight glorious nights. They couldn't get over it. Eight nights of lighting the menorah before furiously tearing wrapping paper off heaping piles of gifts. That's more than a week!

Though this notion of Hanukkah wasn't exactly the truth, I never gave up the secret that when it comes to Hanukkah, all nights were not created equal. Every young Jewish kid quickly learned that the most exciting gifts were given on either the first or the last night. New bikes, Easy-Bake Ovens and Barbie Beach Houses, if they were going to come, surely wouldn't appear on the fifth or six nights. No, no, parents were predictable.

The problem for me was and is still for many, the middle six nights of Hanukkah. I often found myself waiting for the eighth night rather than looking forward to every night. In my house, I remember one of those middle nights was always reserved for "Calendar Night," my least favorite annual tradition that consistently resulted in my brothers and me rolling our eyes and silently grumbling about our "presents" for an hour before bed.

What I didn't realize then was that Hanukkah isn't just about presents. Many young Jews, I'm sure, remember hearing this from their parents at least once a year: "In fact, the actual holiday has nothing to do with gift giving at all!" But believe it or not, it *is* possible to have eight amazing nights of Hanukkah.

Here are a few easy ways to re-discover your lost nights of Hanukkah.

Tradition:

–Light the menorah in the dark. It turns out that most Jewish families have never done this. The story of Hanukkah is about the light of the menorah and lighting the lights in the dark will make you appreciate the beauty of the menorah and the holiday much more.

–A friend of mine used to play dreidel every night with his sisters to decide who would get to open their presents first. For those who have never played, dreidels can be found everywhere from toy stores to supermarkets during Hanukkah and rules are very easy to learn and can be found using the internet. Don't worry about using money or chips. I used M&Ms with my family.

–There actually *are* Hanukkah songs, and although they may not be as popular as your Christmas favorites, some of them are pretty catchy. My personal favorite is "Rock of Ages," but there are plenty to sing each night. Again, I recommend turning to the Internet for Hanukkah songs you don't already know. Many websites even have recordings you can listen to for melody.

Food:

–Hanukkah, as you know, is about the miracle of the oil that burned for eight nights. To celebrate this, Jews have eaten fried and oily foods at Hanukkah for thousands of years. The most common, in America, is the potato latke. In Israel it's a small fried jelly-doughnut like treat called Sufganiyot. Both are delicious and relatively easy to make. Cooking a holiday treat with your family is always a fun way to celebrate and besides, what's a Jewish holiday if it doesn't come with delicious food?

–Hanukkah gelt (Yiddish for "money") is little "coins" of chocolate that are given to children during the holiday. It's really easy to give a bag of gelt to your family members or just have a bowl in the kitchen. Many kids play dreidel with them. Hanukkah gelt can be found at any supermarket at this time of year.

Gift Giving:

–If you have smaller kids – or even bigger ones – it can be fun to have a night of homemade gifts. The rule is that everything given has to be made by the person giving it, even the card and possibly even the giftwrap.

–No matter how old, everyone likes a good gift hunt. Hide presents around the house and let each person search for their gift. If you really want to get into it, leave little notes and clues around, directing them to their gifts to make a miniature scavenger hunt.

–Give each night a theme. For example, my Dad always used to have something he called "music appreciation night" where he gave each member of the family an album that he thought was essential to every music collection. This ended up also being the night where people gave musically oriented gifts like iPods, instruments and CDs. This can be done with almost anything, sports, clothes, foods, books, whatever. Just do your family a favor and skip calendar night.

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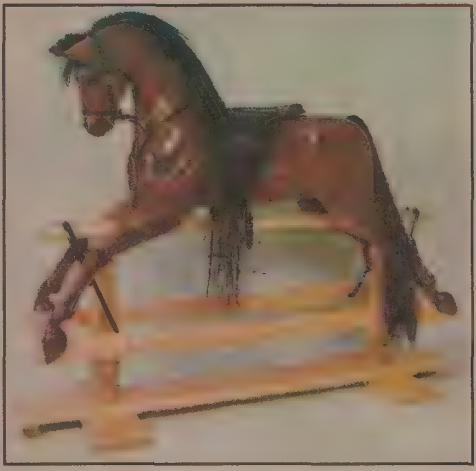
The very first "rocking horses" in documented history were wheeled horses used by medieval knights during jousting practice. It was not until 1851, however, when Queen Victoria visited the London studio of master carver J. Collinson and took home a dapple-grey pony that the rocking horse became a staple of nurseries and family rooms across the kingdom. The Queen's rocking horse was a traditional horse on deep, bow rockers. Dappled bow-rockers like Queen Victoria's became the most popular models in Victorian households, until safety concerns over their instability prompted P.J. Marqua of Cincinnati, Ohio, to invent the swinger stand in 1877. In 1880, Herbert Haddon patented a similar stand in Britain and rocking horses on both sides of the Atlantic were mounted on safety stands from that day forward. There was some variation, of course, and in the spirit of the medieval knights, rocking horse tricycles were also popular during and after the Edwardian era. In the 1950s, active American children craved a more realistic, jaunty ride and gave up the simple, back-and-forth rockers in favor of horses attached to metal frames by big steel springs, posed in full gallop. Most spring horses were plastic, and needed to be kept out of the sun to discourage fading, thus making them a less desirable collectors' item than their mahogany ancestors. This year, the Fur Real Friends Butterscotch Interactive Pony sold out within weeks of its release, due to its promise that it would respond to voices and pats with a turn of its head, make pony sounds when brushed or touched, and even walk in place when mounted.



Rocking horses of every type are readily available on the Internet and at toy stores worldwide. There are even specialty "rocking horse stables" where you can purchase handmade horses or even commission a custom-made rocker. But, which type of rocking horse is right for your family? I adored the fuzzy coating on my springy Teaks, but I would have also loved to brush and braid a traditional rocker's long mane and tail. If you have a very young child, a plush, huggable, low-to-the-ground horse is the best option. However, if you want your child to be able to ride their horse for more than a year or so, and keep him as an heirloom for the next generation, you may want to invest in a larger, wooden swinger-stand horse. If your child spends more time outside than in, a tricycle horse can withstand years of outdoor rides. For a more realistic ride, a spring-mounted horse will allow for a wider range of motion and more lively play. The limited 90-day warranty of the Fur Real pony makes her the shortest-lived of the bunch, but for a true horse person in the making, the responsive toy might be the closest substitute for the companionship of a real horse. There really is no substitute for the elegance of a traditional, wooden bow rocker and if your child will be supervised during rides, or if you are searching for an elaborate holiday decoration to rival even the most magnificent of Douglas Firs, then perhaps it is time to search for that special, Victorian-styled pony set in a deep, wooden bow that will live with your family for generations to come.

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What To Do If You Are Expecting the Dude

The stranger arrives first. You open the door and see him, framed by the porch, waiting in the falling snow, flurries collecting on the brim of his cowboy hat. His bushy moustache hangs so far over his mouth that you don't even see his lips move when he greets you in a voice that's a low rumbling. "Howdy." You invite the stranger in, and when you ask him if you can get him anything, he asks if you have a good sarsaparilla. "Much obliged," he says when you hand him the soda.

You fret that the man himself is running late, but then again the Dude runs on his own schedule. The sounds of Creedence fill the house and the other mingling guests have raised the din. Walter is red-faced, screaming at Jackie Treehorn about how the porn industry has changed, sort of the way that a man is changed after his second tour in 'Nam. Treehorn shakes his head and walks over to Brandt, who is here representing Mr. Lebowski's office and accompanying Bunny.

Cradling the phone next to your ear in the kitchen, you dial the Dude. The phone rings twice, then a machine picks up, clicking loudly "The Dude is not in," then a beep. You place the receiver back on the cradle.

With all the noise in the house and your frantic racing around to get drinks in order, keep the music going and acting as a buffer between Jesus Quintana and the other guys from the bowling league, you don't even hear the Dude come in. You are only aware of Dude's presence when you hear a clipped, "Hello Jeffrey."

"Hi Maude," the Dude says. His shaggy hair falls over one sunglass-covered eye. He shuffles towards the bar and prepares a Caucasian, with Maude bee-lining straight for him. The hair has a few extra flecks of grey and the paunch has expanded some, but he's still the Dude. "So, uh, hey man, do you mind if I do a jay?" he asks.

If you'd like to feed your unhealthy Lebowski obsession (á la the big screen *The Big Lebowski,* written and directed by the Coen brothers in 1998) and celebrate all things Dude-related this weekend, you are just in time for Lebowskifest New York, which is being held in Brooklyn on December 16 and 17. The opening party will be at North Six on the 16th, with live music by Bling Kong, Hair Supply (a heavy-metal tribute to Air Supply) and the Prayers and Tears of Arthur Digby Sellars. The bands will be followed by a screening of the film. The festivities continue on the 17th at Cozy Bowl in Brooklyn, where the main event will be, of course, bowling. Perhaps you want to show up to debate Nihilism with guys dressed in black rubber suits, or you have a new theory as to why the check the Dude writes at the beginning of the movie is dated September 11. You should find all this and more at Lebowskifest. (Click on lebwoskifest.com for more info and to purchase tickets, which are $15 for the opening night and $25 for the party at Cozy and unlimited bowling.)

If you just want to get in a Dude state of mind, light some candles, put on the whale songs tape, shrug and say to yourself, "Sometimes you eat the bear, and sometime, well, the bear, he eats you." Then, practice making White Russians. There are a few schools of thought on fixing the quintessential White Russian, though the basic ingredients remain constant. Some like to mix the ingredients in a cocktail shaker and pour the frothy concoction over ice, but this tends to produce extremely milkshake-like results. If this is your preference, the Cigar bar in Sag Harbor does a good job of it. The more classic approach is just to pour the ingredients in a glass and add milk as you would to coffee.

Here are a couple of variations on the classic cocktail. The first is the Dude's ideal version, and the second is a holiday twist on that recipe.

Caucasian

3 oz vodka
1 1/2 oz Kahlua
Splash of Ralph's Half 'n Half, paid for with a personal check

Pour vodka over ice into a rocks glass, then pour Kahlua, and add a generous splash of Half 'n Half. Stir with your finger, and taste the drink by sticking your finger in your mouth once you are satisfied with the mixing job. Add an ingredient you felt was lacking after the first taste. Stir with finger and taste again. If you don't have Half 'n Half, don't worry. The Dude is a resourceful guy – lazy, but resourceful. In a pinch, anything will do to substitute for the milk, even non-dairy creamer (though this variant of the White Russian is known as Maude).

Egg Nogtini

1 part Kahlua
2 parts vodka
Splash of eggnog
Splash of milk
Pinch of nutmeg

Put Kahlua, vodka, eggnog, milk and nutmeg in a shaker filled with ice. Shake vigorously until shaker frosts. Strain into a chilled martini glass. Garnish with fresh-ground nutmeg and a cinnamon stick.

–John Capone

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Wrap At Home. There's No Line

Not all of us are as lucky as Candy, Tori Spelling's mother and widow of producer Aaron Spelling, whose 56,000-square-foot, $150-million-dollar mansion has a room dedicated to gift-wrapping. Yet, we are all going to buy presents this year, small and big, that will need to be wrapped. If you are sick of fetching the scissors from the study, the tape from the kitchen, and the wrapping paper from under the bed, without your family spotting their unwrapped gifts before you give them, keep your supplies in place by creating your very own temporary gift-wrapping room.

The room will need a secure door, so you can thwart family members from sneaking up on you. When it's their turn to wrap, this will keep your eager eyes away, too. Now, don't worry, you don't need to build an extra room – you don't even need to rearrange furniture. All you really need to do is designate a room, or part of room, that has a table and enough open space or shelving for supplies. In my family, the room that we always transform into the gift-wrapping room is the dining room. My dining room has a secure door and an open table (since we only eat there on the holidays and by Christmas dinner the gifts will already be wrapped and under the tree). A basement, living room, spare or guest bedroom, kitchen, front porch or even attic can be transformed into a gift-wrapping room.

If you are asking yourself, "Why do I need a gift-wrapping room at all" then read on, as gift-wrapping is actually very important and should not be overlooked. Gifts have been wrapped ever since 105 A.D. when the Chinese invented paper. In Europe, wallpaper, first made in England in 1509, was the forerunner of gift-wrap. By the early 20th century, gifts all over the world were being wrapped in plain brown paper or tissue. In the early 20th century, however, America joined the gift-wrap industry by way of Hallmark founder Joyce C. Hall's store. Hall is known for being the founder of the greeting card industry, but he can also be credited with the invention of present-day gift-wrap. Some decorative papers from France were brought from the manufacturing plant and put on top of a showcase, for 10 cents a sheet and sold it quickly. Before Christmas in 1917, the Hall Brothers' store had sold out of the white, red, green and holly-patterned tissue customers used to wrap holiday packages. The next year, the sheets were offered at three for 25 cents, and they sold out again. Soon, gift-wrap became the first product Hallmark made besides greeting cards. Today, Hallmark is the leader of the gift-wrap industry.

In order to make a great gift-wrapping room, that will alleviate stress during the holidays, whether you wrap all in one night or over the next couple of weeks, you will need to clear all of your clutter out of the space you designate as the gift-wrapping room. This will free up the room you need to store wrapping supplies. You should then choose a gift-wrap organizer, or make one yourself. A rolling cart is great for mobility and an organizer that hangs in a closet or slides under a bed conserves space. No matter what, make sure that you don't end up with a mess of colored paper and ribbons on the floor on Christmas Eve. Make the effort to make it look like a wrapping room, not a sorority house.

Have a checklist of the supplies you need, such as wrapping paper, ribbons, tape, scissors, pens, tags, bags, tissue paper, boxes and bows, on hand at all times. A hard, flat surface is the key to making perfect corners and all-around, beautifully wrapped gifts. Lighting is also important, as you must be able to actually see where and what you are taping. Keep a broom or vacuum handy, depending on the room's flooring, to sweep or vacuum up all of those extra clippings, tape and ripped cards. To avoid the stress of wrapping multiple gifts while other family members need "the room," be aware of your schedule. Play some music and sip some eggnog to keep your sprits alive while you wrap.

This year, when the gifts are bought and you find yourself dragging those plastic shopping bags home, get ahead of the game and have your space planned out. Making a simple area designated for the art gift-wrapping can ease your stress and can also make a difference for the person receiving the gift, since we all know that unwrapping them is the very best part.

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Red and Green Gadgets

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If you read Page Six, you'll know that celebrities are getting paid big bucks to host New Year's Eve parties. If you are put off by depictions of James Baker made to look like the monkey on cover of Green Day's *Dookie* and haven't bought the *New York Post* lately, I'll summarize for you: Pamela Anderson is hosting Tao's party at the Venetian in Las Vegas on New Year's while her grubby (soon-to-be-ex-) hubby Kid Rock, with whom she had an acrimonious split, will be hosting a party across the street at the Mirage. Both the pneumatic actress and the rap-rock Hank, Jr. protégé will be paid hundreds of thousands of dollars for drowning their marital woes in their respective bottles of Veuve, Dom and Cristal. Also in line for huge New Year's rockin' paychecks are the likes of Nicole Ritchie, Paris Hilton and Britney Spears. Now, I don't begrudge these celebs for taking a cut of the pot, but maybe in the spirit of holiday sharing they could give a little back. Pam plays plenty of collagened-lip service to PETA. Maybe it's time she put her money where her fur isn't and pony up a portion of her appearance fee to PETA.

This rare display of citizenship on the parts of those in the public eye would set an example for the millions who read each day about every misstep these stars take. It might also be nice for them to be recognized for something other than dangling pieces of their anatomy in front of cameras that should be covered. Of course, these stars don't have the power to move people like, say, Oprah does. Her legions seem to be waiting with breath-baited for their leader's next directive. Her support of the (PRODUCT) RED campaign brought some attention to an idea that seems to have a worthwhile premise. By working with corporate partners to create (RED) branded products, from which a portion of the proceeds go to the Global Fund to fight AIDS/HIV in Africa, the project is bringing attention to a crisis, and affecting positive change by simply capitalizing on something people would do already (especially right before Christmas) – shop for like Imelda Marcos in a Manolo sample sale.

Oprah voiced strong support for (PRODUCT) RED in an episode of her show where she went shopping with Bono, who is one of the founders of the project. During the episode, Oprah scoured the shelves for all (RED)-branded products she could found and tossed them into her cart by the tens. Ten GAP T-shirts printed with (RED) slogans (INSPI(RED), DESI(RED), etc). Ten pairs of (RED) Converse. Ten (RED) iPod Nanos.

Recent news reports showed that her mania for multiples doesn't stop at gadgets, sneakers and T-shirts. Not content with adopting just one impoverished African baby like Madonna or Angelina Jolie, Oprah snapped up a bunch of babies.

But with her prominent support of the (PRODUCT) RED campaign Oprah is using the power of her notoriety for a good cause. The (RED) campaign is unique in its approach to consumerism. It's not seeking to change behavior, but rather to find a way to make the rampant consumerism of the holidays a positive force. Anti-consumerist movements can often seem austere and strict. But, it is not so with (PRODUCT) RED.

This year, (PRODUCT) RED declared the day after Thanksgiving, traditionally called Black Friday and usually the busiest shopping day of the year, (RED) Friday and encouraged people to purchase (RED)-branded products that day. This approach differs from *Ad Busters's* campaign to turn the day into Buy Nothing Day, encouraging people to boycott shopping that day. This campaign might raise awareness, but doesn't really do anything to affect change. Even if someone stays out of the stores that day, there is no indication that their spending pattern will change. In the end, they would probably end up buying just as much as they would have if they hadn't purchased anything on Buy Nothing Day.

One of the most popular (RED)-branded products has been the (RED) iPod Nano. Gadgetheads seem to gobble up limited edition or unique versions of their most beloved toys, and the new Nano appeals to them. It makes an especially apt present for Christmas, because it is, of course, red in color. The (RED) Nano comes in 4 g.b. and 8 g.b. models and retails for the same price as the regular Nanos (www.apple.com/store).

Another (RED)hot (ha) gadget is Emporio Armani's (RED) digital watch. The watch comes either with a black band and red backlit face, or a red leather band and a black face with red LCD numbers.

Any true echnofile already has a Motorola Razr by now, with its futuristic styling and slim design. The original MotoRazr came in black, then fashionistas snapped up the pink version that Reese Witherspoon's character in *Legally Blonde* would have adored. There is also a new silver version available that looks like something Tony Montoya would have gotten a great deal of use out of. And now, there is the Moto(RED) Razr in a strikingly shiny, Rudolph red. Motorola is also offering exclusive (RED) content for the phone, such as limited edition wallpaper, ring tones and videocasts by artists and musicians who have partnered with (PRODUCT) RED like the Scissor Sisters. Phone as fashion-accessory-and-public-statement-of-the-user's-awareness-of-the-AIDS-epidemic will never be the same.

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When digital cameras first came on the market, I was quite upset. I thought it was a very innovative idea, but I knew what was coming; I knew it would be the end of the fine art of photography, as I knew it. I could only imagine the future. Well, to my surprise, the future has arrived. Digital photo frames, the newest gadget for the holiday season, is here.

Digital photo frames are hitting the market hard. They are about the same size and shape of normal frames. The frame holds a LCD screen, which displays the picture. The digital frame automatically rotates through digital photos thereby putting your treasured memories on display without having hundreds of prints made or purchasing overloads of frames that clutter your home. They are the perfect gift for anyone, even those technologically-challenged relatives, we know we all have. These frames are designed to enable people with no computer, digital cameras, or computer skills to benefit from the digital boom. The idea is that a technology savvy person buys the frame and sets up an account and passes the frame on.

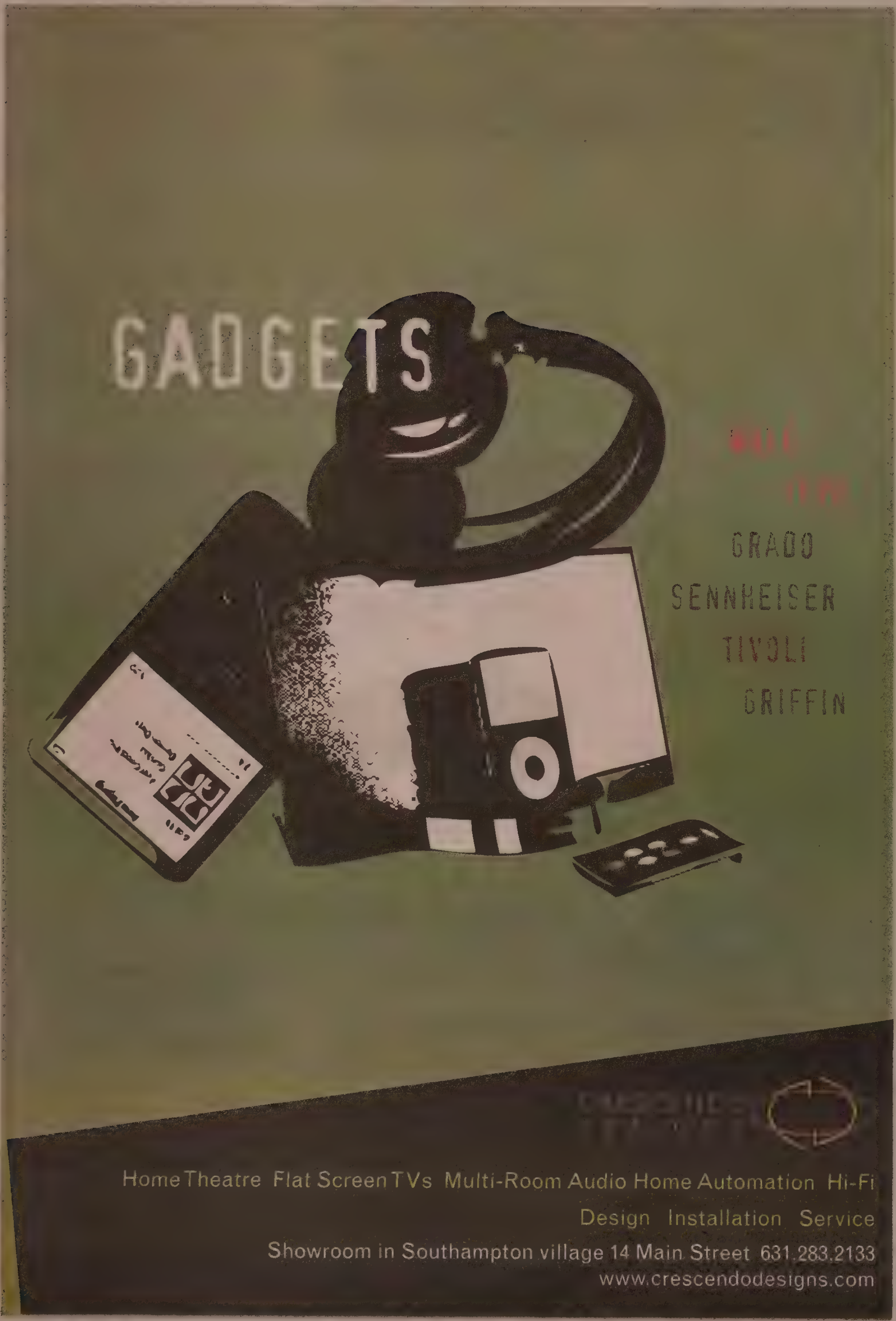
Digital frames are easy to use; simply plug it in to an outlet and a phone line. The simple press of a button connects your frame to the Internet using a dial up modem. Once connected to the Internet, digital photos can be downloaded to the frame by the online account holder. After the files are downloaded, the frame automatically disconnects from the Internet. The frame has a timer in it, turning it off at night and back on in the morning. You do not need to give this gift to someone who has a computer. After the frame is set up it will automatically download new photos that you post on a common site. You can change the photos in "mom's" living room from across the world.

Digital frames are similar to a computer, but are simpler because they only have to perform a single task. The CPU in the frame is much like the one you would find in a small hand held electronic game. Digital frames have some ROM memory, used to store the operating system and the photo files. ROM also makes it so when you unplug the unit no data will be lost. The frame contains a 33.6 Kbps modem to connect to the Internet and download your photos. The display is a passive-matrix liquid crystal display with a viewing area ranging from 1 to 19 inches. LCD screens are thin enough that the digital frame isn't much thicker than the ordinary frame.

When purchasing a digital frame, a larger physical size is not always better. The two key factors in the quality of your frame depend on the size and resolution. Common resolutions are 640 x 480, 800 x 600, 1024 x 768, and 1280 x 1024. The image quality will decrease, as the screen gets larger, because the available pixels are spread over a larger area. Higher numbers are always better, but when comparing remember to take the size of the screen into account. Many digital frames have a way to adjust the brightness and some frames even auto-adjust, making your picture visible all hours of the day. You might also want to make sure your new frame has the option to be free standing or mounted on a wall. Although these frames are amazing, they are not as cheap as ordinary frames so you want them to be as flexible as possible.

Whether you are buying a digital frame for yourself, or trying to keep in touch with long distance loved ones, your choices are endless. This is just the beginning of a new market for anyone who loves to take pictures. Digital frames available now already offer so many options, from new software and touch screens to remote controls and built-in clocks. What will the future of digital frames hold? Frames with sound affects? Maybe even a frame that prints a picture directly out the back. With technology advancing so quickly, only time can tell.

– Kelly Merritt



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Hear What You Want

Each day, we work our way through this crazy world as victims of sound. We listen to the noise of our co-workers, the office fax machine, the car, our families (especially our mothers), cell phones users that talk too loud and people on the streets, all without a choice. Now, imagine a world free of these sounds, free of beeping or honking, free of the loud plane engine that roars during take off and free of all that other static noise that drives us crazy. Well, maybe we can't get rid of all the noises that make us want crawl into a deep dark hole, but at least we now have a choice. And that choice is noise canceling headphones. With these headphones on, you will be a sound victim no more, all those noises will fade into dust, and freedom of hearing will reign.

Noise canceling headphones that reduce unwanted sounds by means of active noise control are one of the hottest gifts for the 2006 Holiday season. They involve using a microphone placed near the ear that has electronic circuitry, which generates an anti-noise sound wave of the opposite polarity of the sound wave arriving at the microphone. This results in destructive interference, which ultimately cancels out the noise within the headphones. The biggest benefit in using noise cancellation headphones is that you can enjoy your music without having to raise the volume unnecessarily high. You also might be able to catch some sleep during a noisy plane or bus ride.

Repeated exposure to high volumes will absolutely reduce your hearing ability. This is why, in the age of the MP3 player, it is not a smart idea to turn your audio device's volume up to the maximum just to block out your mother when she asks you to set the dinner table, (otherwise known as "external" noise.) Noise canceling headphones allow you to blockout the sound of buses, airplanes and other sources of aggravation while still enabling you to hear every note of your personal soundtrack without blowing out your eardrums.

The idea of noise cancellation has been around for quiet a few years, yet it has been in the form of passive noise reduction, such as ear plugs, which is nothing more than the dampening of sounds. This holiday season, active noise cancellation technology, involving the complex science of detecting an annoying low-frequency sound and producing an opposite sound wave, has arrived. Most testing has suggested that noise cancellation headphones reduce up to 80% of low-frequency sounds. The hardest noises to block out are also some of the most common, such as crying and talking, so some headsets also come with passive noise canceling properties or modes that, when combined with listening to music, can significantly reduce outside noise.

There are a few different companies that sell products that use this new technology, and they each come with different features to maximize your listening pleasure.

Before you get the complete list of the newest noise cancelation headphones, it is important to remember that comfort, style and price are all factors to consider before you delve into the world of hearing music and music alone. Style is obviously important if you are going to be wearing these headphones around town. Some headphones fit around your ears and head, others rest on your ear and some fit into your ear(these are often reffered to as ear buds). But, which ones provide the most comfort? People say that ear buds can sometimes be uncomfortable after a long period of time and that the headphones that wrap around your head provide the most comfort for long flights or walks around town. As far as price goes, there are a few good deals this season, so if silence is in your budget, here are some products to try.

Bose Quiet Comfort 3 features acoustic headphone structure, active equalization, ear cushions, an adjustable headband, and a dual-plug and stereo-plug adapter. These headphones run for around $350.

Sony MDR-NC50 offers to cut almost 90% of all low-frequency noise. These headphones are slightly cheaper than Bose, at $200.

Panasonic RP-HC300 offers noise cancellation technology for $130.

Creative HN-700 has a removable cable that allows you to hook up to a home theatre system, and costs only $70.

JVC HA-NC80 costs $60 and has two different modes for filtering out ambient sound.

Now that you have a good idea of the cost, range and function of these sound-savers, you can spread some holiday cheer and be merry, because no matter how loud or annoying the nagging, you won't have to worry. You won't hear a damn thing.

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Entertainment In Town

review: high fidelity...by gordin & christiano

Nothing much happens in the new Broadway musical *High Fidelity,* but the enthusiastic cast works hard trying to convince us otherwise. They dance with athletic bounce and deliver the not so bad pop and rock tunes with committed zest, but the evening directed by Walter Bobbie fails to engage and is most notable as an exercise in what not to do.

In bringing *High Fidelity* (based on the Stephen Frears 2000 successful film of the same name that was itself adapted from Nick Hornby's 1996 novel) to the stage, the producers of the mega hit musical *Rent* have latched onto a smart idea; turn the romantic comedy into a rock musical about hip young urban adults. In an obvious attempt to capitalize on the success of *Rent,* they have put together a high profile team of talent that seems to have missed the point of the source material.

The book by David Lindsay-Abaire, chronicles a tale about a young man Rob (Will Chase), who loses his girl, Laura (Jenn Colella) and then gets her back. This adheres closely to the original novel, but the characters haven't been fleshed out. There is no inherent struggle to change and you wonder why they get back together in the end. Rob is an unsympathetic lout who appears to sabotage his chances, but still Laura takes him back. In the film, Rob, played by John Cusack, was obnoxious, but underneath there was an endearing realness that made you like him anyway, so you understood her attraction to him. On Broadway, Laura is underwritten and neither character evolves in any way. There are no complexities to their relationship, and we learn little of the dynamics that bind them.

Laura leaves Rob because he was unfaithful; they sleep with other people and then reunite, but why? If Abair intended the story as a comment on the inability to break free of sexual addiction, I guess he makes a point. I believe, however, this is a love story with charm and we need to become involved with the characters as they wrestle their internal demons and ultimately learn to adapt. This is fertile territory that could be layered with dichotomy and nuance, especially considering our society's dysfunctional concepts of love. Nothing happens in Abair's account to validate their reunion, and their journey is non-existent. These characters appear to feel nothing except when they break into song in vain attempt to prove otherwise.

Photo by Joan Marcus

Will Chase and Jenn Colella

Another problem that further distances us from the action is the lack of chemistry between the two leads. Will Chase has a likable quality, but his performance is one noted. Jenn Colella is lovely to look at, but displays little charm or quirky humor leaving us to wonder just what draws Rob to her.

The rock music by Tom Kitt is laced with heavy metal chords, which give it a manic intensity. The rhyming lyrics by Amanda Green are unfortunately rather corny and often startlingly vulgar in an attempt to be hip. There are, however, a few amusing numbers.

The very funny "I Slept With Someone" is the evening's highlight. The leads have both just had sex with other people and they are reflecting on their conquests in a witty duet. The song is beautifully staged by Mr. Bobbie on a whimsical set that is a marvel as it flips intricately to simultaneously reveal two separate bedrooms.

The vigorous choreography by Christopher Gattelli is punctuated with lively kicks and jumps, but it suffers with an animated vigor that keeps the evening in the same one-track mode.

The set by Anna Louizos, although decidedly tacky, makes arresting shifts that fold and shift with impressive ease to accommodate swift changes from the Rob's apartment, to his record store, to a club, to the street and even to an upstairs apartment bedroom. However, when you leave the theatre thinking the set was the best part of the evening, something is dreadfully wrong.

High Fidelity opened at the Imperial Theatre, 249 West 45th Street between Broadway and Eighth Avenue, on December 7, 2006. For tickets call (212) 239-6200 or visit the box office.

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review: nutcracker at the staller center

It is hard to believe that it took more than fifty years for Tchaikovsky's *Nutcracker* ballet to travel from St. Petersburg to San Francisco for its first United States production, during the Second World War. Today, the *Nutcracker* Ballet is a Christmastime staple in many parts of the world and is probably the most performed ballet in the whole of the classical repertoire. Because of the many children's roles, dance companies around the country, as well as the major professional organizations such as American Ballet Theater, enjoy staging their productions during this time of year.

The Seiskaya Ballet was founded on Long Island in 1974, when Valia Seiskaya retired from a long and distinguished career as a dancer with the National Opera of Greece. Since then, Madame Seiskaya has turned Seiskaya into a highly-respected school where dancers can develop their talents to the fullest, under a regimen that teaches self-reliance and dedication. Not all of the students will graduate into the world of professional dance, but the school maintains a distinguished list of alumni who have gone on to dance with companies such as American Ballet Theater and the Atlanta Ballet.

For the past twelve seasons, the Seiskaya Company has staged their full-length version of the *Nutcracker* on the stage of the Staller Center at Stony Brook University.

From the time the curtain rises, there is no doubt that everyone in the company, from the most junior dancer to the principals, is extremely disciplined and well trained. Their posture, turnout, correct landings and spot-on dramatic interpretations are uniformly excellent, and the ensemble work is precise meticulously timed. It was exciting to watch such youngsters dance their hearts out for such an appreciative opening night audience.

Mariana DeMarco as Clara, in the party scene.

During the first act, the bustle of a Christmas party gives way to the famous Dream Sequence, where Clara dreams of her Nutcracker coming to life, and helps her Nutcracker and an army of toy soldiers defeat the Mouse King and his legion of mice. In the role of Clara, Mariana DeMarco displays exceptional fluidity, beautiful lines and sensitivity to the music with each movement. She lights up her character with brilliant stage presence and she certainly is a dancer to look out for in the future.

Michael Cusumano, a graduate of Seiskaya who has gone on to dance as a soloist for the Boston Ballet and on Broadway, is a perfect partner for Mariana as the Nutcracker in Clara's Dream Sequence. His portrayal of the Nutcracker is especially impressive, as the Nutcracker is not a ballet choreographed to showcase male dancers. Tchaikovsky's *Nutcracker* comes from the time in ballet history when male dancers were included in the cast as little more than support for the female ballerinas, who served as the focus of the ballet.

Once the battle is won, Clara is spirited away by her handsome Nutcracker Prince to meet the Sugar Plum Fairy, here danced by Liliana Janson, who shows commendable maturity in the demanding role.

After the pleasures of the specialty sequences that cover many lands and characters from childrens' stories around the world, the ballet culminates with the now-famous (*grand pas de deux*) between the Sugar Plum Fairy and her Cavalier. Gray Davis, who is due to begin dancing with the American Ballet Theater in January, shows all of the style, talent and athleticism in the role of the Cavalier that you would expect from an ABT dancer. He is a diligent partner to his ballerina in his lifts, and ensures that her balances are firm. The result is a charming rendition of the role and his solo variations allow him to fully display his flawless technique.

With so many dancers of all ages and so many separate vignettes, everyone, including each of the Seiskaya teaching staff, deserves a special mention that space, regrettably, will not permit. Here, accolades must instead be extended to the set designers and lighting staff, as this production could easily fit beside the most famous Broadway shows, with effects such as a Christmas tree that magically grows to an enormous size and a sled that flies across the stage and up to the balconies above. Add to this excellent costumes and makeup, coupled with a full orchestral soundtrack and the resulting effect is one in which the audience is made more than ready to slip into the dream-like world of the Nutcracker and enjoy the story, and, of course, the dancers.

I came away from this elegant and very professional production both enthused and entertained, to a level higher than I had anticipated. This production is a perfect holiday treat for families of all ages and backgrounds, and is sure to be a hit, as The *Nutcracker* is a spectacle that does not require detailed technical knowledge to enjoy.

The show continues at the Staller Center on Saturday December 16th at 2 and 7 p.m. and on Sunday December 17th at 1 and 6 p.m. Tickets are obtainable from 1-866-NUT-TICS.

– Roy Bradbrook

Dan's A&E Guide

YOUR WEEKLY GUIDE TO FUN IN THE HAMPTONS

An Evening With Lauren Bacall and Sidney Lumet

Reading Sidney Lumet's book *Making Movies* is akin to sitting around his living room, listening to the filmmaking master share his tales from a lifetime of making some of this country's finest movies. This Saturday, movie-goers to Bay Street Theatre's Picture Show will get the real experience……and then some. Mr. Lumet and the luminous Lauren Bacall (author of her own book By *Myself and Then Some*) will participate in a talkback hosted by popular theatre and film critic Jeffrey Lyons (and yes, author too), after the screening of Lumet's classic *Murder on the Orient Express*.

This evening of great cinema and cinema greats will take place at 8 p.m. at Bay Street Theatre in Sag Harbor. Advanced tickets are strongly recommended and can be purchased for $50 by phone at (631) 725-9500 or at www.baystreet.org. Proceeds support the Picture Show at Bay Street, also another portion of the proceeds will go to the National Film Preservation Foundation. As if the film and talkback aren't exciting enough, a $24.95 three-course pre-fixe dinner is offered at American Hotel. Call (631) 725-3535 for reservations.

"We're so pleased to have Lauren Bacall and Sidney Lumet join us for this special conversation," said Gary Hygom, Producer for Bay Street Theatre. He continued to rave about the special night and said, "We are equally excited to have Jeffrey Lyons moderating and becoming part of The Picture Show family. He will host many events in the future."

Of the evening's film, Mike DeSanti, Associate Producer for Bay Street comments on *Murder on the Orient Express* stating, "It's the ultimate whodunit, with the one of the most legendary casts ever assembled."

Bacall was part of that star-studded cast which under Lumet's impeccable direction brought the Agatha Christie thriller to the screen in 1974. Nominated for six Academy Awards, including a win by Ingrid Bergman for Best Supporting Actress, the film features Albert Finney as the detective supported by a cast that includes, Sean Connery, Anthony Perkins, Vanessa Redgrave, Jaqueline Bisset, and Michael York.

The two film legends will be interviewed by legendary film critic Jeffrey Lyons. Host of the long running PBS series, "Sneak Previews" and currently the film and theatre critic for WNBC, Lyons comes to this evening with great enthusiasm about his guests. In addition to having a vast knowledge of Mr. Lumet's work, he knows first-hand how the director operates, after having played a cameo role in Lumet's film *Death Trap*. Says Lyons reminisced about his experience, "I played myself, unconvincingly." Nonetheless, 24 years later he is still able to recite his line verbatum, claiming that "you better be ready when Lumet comes to direct." Still, he added, "he never called me for an encore."

And while this may be Lyon's encore with Lumet, it will be his premiere with Bacall. Coming from a family of theatre and film folk, (he is the son of Leonard Lyons, whose Broadway column, *The Lyons Den* was a New York tradition for 40 years) and having himself interviewed nearly every major film and Broadway star, he admitted, "I'm the only member of my family who has never met Lauren Bacall." In preparation for the evening, Lyons is "going over everything I have on her, re-reading her books, watching the films." When asked to give a short sentence on the actress he stated, "No sentence about Lauren Bacall can be short. She is at once enchanting, larger-than-life, a movie icon, intelligent, luminous and charismatic."

Indeed these accolades ring true for Bacall. From her fabled marriage to Humphrey Bogart and her struggles after his death and the reclamation of herself as a strong, independent and brilliantly talented actress, so interesting is her story that her own autobiographies have been critically acclaimed bestsellers.

Born in New York City, Ms. Bacall studied at the American Academy of Dramatic Arts. Originally planning for a stage career, she entered the Hollywood scene when Howard Hawks' wife spotted her on the cover of *Harper's Bazaar*, initiating the infamous casting call that landed Bacall the role of Marie Slim Browning opposite Humphrey Bogart in Hawk's *To Have And Have Not*.

After Bogart's untimely death in 1957, Ms. Bacall later married (and divorced) Jason Robards. She is the mother of Stephen and Leslie Bogart and Sam Robards. Sam Robards was seen on stage last year at Bay Street Theatre in *Japes*.

Other career highlights for Ms. Bacall include Tony Awards for the musicals *Applause* and *Woman of the Year*. She was nominated for Best Supporting Actress Academy Award for *The Mirror Has Two Faces*, for which she won a Golden Globe. She received Kennedy Center Honors in 1997.

With most of his 44 films shot in New York, Mr. Lumet will no doubt find a theatre full of fans at Bay Street Theatre. In announcing his receipt of an Honorary Academy Award in 2005, he was noted as "one of the most important film directors in the history of American cinema." Lumet is often called "an actor's director," for the superior performances he draws from his cast. According to Lyons, he is one of few film directors who incorporates a long rehearsal process before shooting. His films, which include *12 Angry Men, Serpico, Dog Day Afternoon, Network, The Verdict,* and of course, *Murder on the Orient Express*, have received more than 50 Academy Award nominations.

Starting his career as an actor, Lumet made his stage at age four at the Yiddish Art Theater in New York. He played many roles in the 1930s and in 1947, he started an off-Broadway acting troupe that included such future stars as Yul Brenner and Eli Wallach.

In the 1950s he was known as an important TV director notably on the crime series *Danger and You Are There*.

With such fascinating artists at hand this Saturday, Lyon's says he is "tempted to talk to both of them about everything they've ever done." But like the movie that precedes the talk, the questions and answers will remain a mystery until then.

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Saturday, December 16 ***3:00 pm***

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Rob Lowe, Meg Tilley and Kim Catrall make a psychological drama extra suspenseful and risque with plot twists that will have you twisting in your hot seats. Southampton and Shelter Island are as pretty as its naked greed.

Due to technical difficulties back in November, we've decided to show a holiday weekend DOUBLE FEATURE.

Saturday, December 23 ***1:00 pm***

SOMETHING'S GOTTA GIVE

Diane Keaton proves an " older" woman still has "it" while Jack Nicholson suffers a heart attack wooing her daughter. Jack's young doctor, Keanu Reeves, goes ga-ga over Diane. It's a very youthful take on the A.A.R.P. crowd, in the fountain of youth's Hamptons.

Saturday, December 23 ***3:30 pm***

NETWORK

East Hampton's Sidney Lumet and writer Paddy Chayefsky's dead–on broadside taken at television and unprincipled industry presaged today's headlines. A way–over–the–top entertainment, it won Oscars for Mr.Chayefesky, Peter Finch, Faye Dunaway and Beatrice Straight. You'll be shouting,"We aren't going to take it anymore!"

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Guy de Fraumeni's Hollywod In The Hamptons

Déja Vu

What's an orderly, nice guy like Denzel Washington doing running around with raucous scamps like producer Jerry Bruckheimer and director Tony Scott? Oh, Denzel may have gotten into a few scrapes as an active kid in Mount Vernon, N.Y., but, golly, as a regular, good fellow married 23 years (to the same woman) with four children to be an active father to, it's naughty to hang with Jerry and Tony, who must have been the kind of youths that set off firecrackers in tin cans to shake up the neighborhood. They have been phenomenally successful making movies that always seem to end with at least one third of the earth's area explosively demolished. Their hyper-actioned, ultra-violent products have been fascinatingly demoralizing, mega hits. Now, with Mr. Washington climbing aboard the dynamic duo's killer machine in *Déjà Vu,* he has tamed these two mean, widdle kids. Not a lot, mind you, but somewhat.

DÉJÀVU
NOW PLAYING

First, you have to accept the bad boys' calling card. Innocent folk are enjoying a would-be trip on a New Orleans ferry when – bim-boom-bam! An orange-flamed explosion blows up elderly, white-haired people with little children, sailors in starched white uniforms, young gals – all in painstaking detail and I mean painstaking detail. Never have so many pieces of bloody bits owed so much to two tough hit-makers. Those bright, white uniforms torn up with bright red you-know-what made such beautifully graphic images.

Once you've survived the initial shock wave, the screenwriters swiftly exploit three of our most awful disasters; the September 11th catastrophe, Katrina's flooding and a little of the Oklahoma City bombing. To protect the guilty, I do not give the screenwriters' names. Mr. Washington appears after the ferry explosion. As Doug Carlin, an unbelievably keen agent for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, Washington is able to discern the perp's identity. Before then, however, we're off on tangents and into a time-space warp. Val Kilmer shows up as an FBI agent with a unit that has a "time window lab" for surveillance into the past and might allow Carlin to catch a glimpse of the terrorist! Wait! Did I *not* mention the be-ooti-ful young woman, lovely but, burnt, drowned and dead – one of the victims of ferry boat bombing, played by Paula Patton. While scanning the days before her demise, Denzel anxiously takes in her personal comings and goings. Some might call him a Peeping Tom! The sensitive, brilliant sleuth falls deeply into something like love for what is now a corpse. Nevertheless, Ms. Patton looks darn good on the autopsy slab. Well, the highly susceptible time traveler thinks so at least. Don't take him all that seriously. He also thinks he can out-race time itself. Defying any sense of reality, he tries to out distance the terrorist before he can do the dastardly deed. (Yep, you get to know who he is.) That really *big* hole in this film's "bag of goodies" quickly drains the film, like a big hole in the toe of a Christmas stocking hung by the fireplace.

Action pictures, like those of Bruck and Scott, create visions of sugar plums in the heads of aficionados of extreme, pushed-to-the-limit action movies. I have to hand it to them for the elegance of their craft. Their *Enemy of the State* stands out as a pretty smart product. As compared to *Déjà Vu*, it is an intelligent titan. I would seriously like to believe that the inclusion of the plight of the New Orleans aftermath brought the property to Mr. Washington's attention. Denzel Washington is a professional actor like James Cagney, one of his idols and acting is his job. You do your absolute best and, at the end of the day, you go home to the wife and kids.

It works for him – two Oscars and a list of respected films two arm-lengths long attest to it. So, who cares if he plays with some bad boys once in a while.

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Casino Royale – Sat.-Sun. 12:30, 4, 7, 10:05, Fri., Mon.- Tues. 4, 7:10, 10:05

The Holiday– Sat.-Sun. 12:50, 4:10, 7:10, 10, Fri., Mon.- Tues. 4:10, 7:10, 10

History Boys – Sat.-Sun. 1:40, 4:30, 7:40, 10:20 Fri., Mon.- Tues. 4:30, 7:40, 10:20

Déjá Vu – Sat.-Sun. 1:15, 4:15, 7:20, 10:10, Fri., Mon.- Tues. 4:15, 7:20, 10:10

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Charlotte's Web – Fri.-Sun. 12:30, 2:45, 5:10, 7:30, 9:50, Mon.-Thurs. 5:10, 7:30

Casino Royale – Fri.-Sun. 12:15, 3:45, 7, 10:10, Mon.-Thurs. 3:45, 7:00

Pursuit of Happyness – Fri.-Sun. 1, 4, 7:40, 10:20 Mon.-Thurs. 4, 7:40

The Nativity Story – Fri.-Sun. 12:05, 2:35, 4:50, Mon.-Thurs. 4:50

Déjá Vu – Fri.-Sun. 7:10, 10:15, Mon.-Thurs. 7:10

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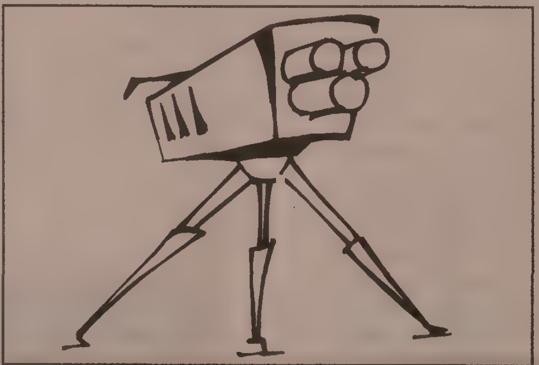
Apocalypto – Fri.-Sun. 1, 4, 7:20, 10:20, Mon.-Thurs. 4, 7

Eragon – Fri.-Sun. 1:45, 4:45, 7:30, 10:10 Mon.-Thurs. 4:45, 7:30

Unaccompanied Minors – Fri.-Sun. 1:30, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50, Mon.-Thurs. 4:30, 7:10



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MASQUERADE

Dan's Papers' "They Made The Movies Here" FREE Film Festival continues to warm up Westhampton's Performing Arts Center where, at 3 p.m. on Saturdays, films bearing the likeness of our photogenic neighborhoods ignite the screen. How about that? And, it all comes as a FREE GIFT (to borrow the advertising redundancy).

This week's movie is *Masquerade*, a romantic suspense thriller and kissy-kissy-poo fun. The title *Masquerade* is another grammatical discrepancy because, though it covers veiled identities, it also (in more advertising jargon) lays bare, wicked, wretched lives and naked tanned bodies, looking very blush plush, especially as displayed against the florid backgrounds and lush Southampton estates and John Barry music. Even Shelter Island looks kind of like Florida.

It's a splashy mix of swanky yacht racing and nasty poor boy competitions to get the poor little rich girl and her liquid funds. It unzips passion and defrocks vulgarities to clobber and distance itself from its relationship to the gentility of Alfred Hitchcock's 1941 "*Suspicion*," starring Cary Grant as the handsome lug who loves his wife, but oh, that dowry.

The 1985 *Masquerade* gives us the handsome baby face Rob Lowe, looking premature as the most knowledgeable and best boating captain *and* lover on the East Coast. Arriving in the Hamptons under the cloud of a shady past, seaman Lowe quickly has women going overboard for him. There's the yacht owner's wife who likes him buck-naked, for her eyes only (and of course the movie audience). Kim Cattrall portrays her without flinching when using naughty words and therefore, can get things off her chest easily, especially articles of clothing. Many other women's eyes turn to Rob's butt, but he turns to the young orphan with millions, a greedy, live-in stepfather, and a local policeman who's loved her for years. Meg Tilly is the young love starved lady and is tearfully spunky and believable.

From this point on, the movie has more twists than a raspberry Twizzler and can get stretched even thinner. But, cloyingly sweet, thin or twisting itself into self-demolishing turns, it does take hold of you and push you into many surprises with: yachting, talk of faulty propane hoses, sex, terms of the will spelled out, sex, evil conniving (in Amagansett's Lunch diner, yet!), more sex, murder, marriage, suicide? A red Ferrari and so on.

The director, Bob Swain, and screenwriter, Dick Wolf, were not much interested in the psychological character probing that gave depth to Hitchcock's glossy pictures. *Masquerade* is polished but not reflective. Even the Hamptons look too fingerprintless. Pretty polishing dulls the sharp jaggedness this kind of movie should have. For instance, John Barry's opulent score just doesn't have the edge that Bernard Herrmann's music gave to Hitchcock's films.

Finally, the camera spends almost as much time on Rob Lowe's bare tush as it does on some supporting actors. There are many highs in the movie, but one gets the idea that his bottom is the real Lowe of the movie.

Naturally, *Masquerade* is rated R. You know this wild and wooly Hamptons crowd. The cheeky entertainment starts at 3 p.m. Saturday December 16th on Main Street, at the Westhampton Beach Performing Arts Center. Be there with your host Sarah Halsey to enjoy the talk, refreshments and very fresh entertainment.

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MINI – MOVIE REVIEWS

Charlotte's Web

Little Dakota Fanning is wheeled out once again to play America's child-sweetheart in this adaptation of the classic children's novel. She's as irritating as ever and is accompanied by the voices of stars from Julia Roberts and John Cleese to Robert Redford and Oprah Winfrey playing the parts of pigs, rats, cows and horses. While this is pointless and exploitative, at least it's not a full-blown CGI fest.

Eragon

As J.K. Rowling works away on the final Harry Potter book, publishers are clamouring for the next children's fantasy series. Christopher Paolini's trilogy just might be exactly what he is looking for. This first film adaptation is enjoyably camp action adventure. Newcomer Edward Speleers is the title character, a boy who must use his power to control dragons against a wicked king (John Malkovich).

The Pursuit of Happyness

First off, the title is correct and refers to a child's spelling error. Secondly, this is cloying "if you build it, they will come"-style trash. If you've not been put off yet, Will Smith stars as a single father, trying to keep his son and himself afloat while working as an intern at a stock-brokers. Ugh.

Blood Diamond

Leonardo DiCaprio stars as a South African mercenary in search of a diamond against the backdrop of a post-colonial but still tyrannical Sierra Leone. Director Ed Zwick bounces back here from the pretty but pointless *The Last Samurai*. At times it can seem contrived but this is interesting action fare with a strong turn from Djimon Hounsou as a desperate fisherman.

Apocalypto

Mel Gibson is undoubtedly an anti-semitic, drunk lunatic but the problem posed with this, as with *The Passion* is that he isn't a bad director. His work is overblown of course but his telling of the fall of the Aztecs is visually and narratively compelling. It will be interesting to see if the public are willing to forgive him his outbursts and give the film a chance.

The Holiday

Director and writer Nancy Meyers continues to plough the same dull, shallow field she covered in *What Women Want* and the execrable *Something's Gotta Give*. Cameron Diaz and Kate Winslet star as two women who swap homes and countries in the hope of improving their respective romantic lots. Saccharine tripe.

Unaccompanied Minors

Paul Feig has a strong background in directing for television (*The Office*, *Arrested Development*) but this tale of a bunch of kids trapped in an airport over the holidays is weak at best. The wonderful Jessica Walter is wasted on this. Wilder Valderrama is in his element. Enough said.

National Lampoon's Van Wilder: The Rise of Taj

It remains a mystery why National Lampoon continues in the film business. It is more mysterious yet why they have seen fit to issue a sequel to the ghastly 2002 original. This time the film follows Wilder's assistant Taj (Kal Penn) to Oxford where he brings the American college lifestyle to a load of stuffy Brits. There's simply no excuse for this kind of film.

The Nativity Story

The story of the birth of Jesus Christ is given a lush live-action treatment here by Catherine Hardwicke, more famous as both a production designer and the director of harsh teen-film *Thirteen*. Predictably perhaps, the settings are out of this world and Keisha Castle-Hughes (of *Whale Rider* fame) is an endearing Mary but the whole thing feels mysteriously limp and lacking in narrative tension.

Turistas

Jumping onto the gore bandwagon so successfully ridden by the *Saw* franchise and last year's *Hostel*, comes this tale of backpackers adrift in the Brazilian jungle. Unsurprisingly they are not alone and a terrible fate begins to pick them off one by one. If you're looking for a blood-splattered antidote to saccharine Christmas entertainments, this might just do the job.

Bobby

Emilio Estevez takes the helm for this star-studded biopic of Robert F. Kennedy. Like so many actors-turned-directors (see Kevin Costner, Clint Eastwood), Estevez has a well-intentioned but heavy hand that makes the whole thing feel like an overcooked school project. That said, the star spotting alone makes for an entertaining two hours.

Déjà Vu

After the flop that was *Domino*, it's good to see Tony Scott back in fighting form with this futuristic action-adventure which sees an agent travel back in time to save a woman from murder, and falling in love in the process. The atmosphere is impeccably sleek and metallic while Denzel Washington and Val Kilmer provide sturdy leads.

Deck the Halls

Danny De Vito and Matthew Broderick star as neighbors at war when each tries to outdo the other with Christmas decorations. Given the rank confections that studios spew out during the festive season, this is pretty inoffensive and at times very entertaining. *Arrested Development's* excellent Alia Shawkat provides great support.

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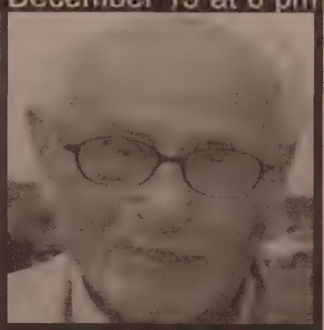
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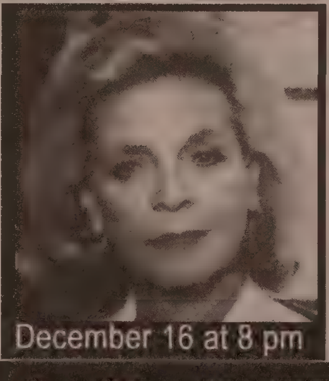
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Silvia Lehrer's Cooking Column

The word Hanukkah, in Hebrew, means dedication. And indeed the holiday, also referred to as the Festival of Lights, which takes place on December 15, this year commemorates the secular festival of Hanukkah to celebrate the re-dedication of the Temple. Forced to abandon their faith in the time of the Hellenic period, Juda Macabee and his brothers led the Jewish people in a revolt, which lasted for three years and was ultimately successful. After their military victory, the Macabees entered the temple and found it defiled and desecrated with only enough oil to burn for one day. Miraculously, the oil burned for 8 days giving the Macabees time to repair. No doubt the oil used for the lamps was oil from the olive tree. Burned in earthenware lamps, olive oil provided the most convenient source of light. Through the ages, lighting the Menorah (candelabrum) symbolized the courage of the people and the miracle of light performed at the temple.

While Hanukkah is considered a minor holiday with few religious rituals other than lighting the Menorah for eight consecutive days, it is also associated with the subject of oil. Typically potato pancakes – latkes – are prepared during the eight day period and it would be difficult to imagine Hanukkah without them. Yet it isn't about the potatoes, it is about the oil. Nevertheless, all types of fritters may be prepared for Hanukkah.

For a take on the traditional pancakes, combine a mixture of carrots, sweet potato and yellow bell peppers for a delicious vegetable pancake with a sweet edge to them. One of my favorite dishes is a creamy mash of potatoes and celery root. The combination works for the latkes as well. Happy Hanukkah!

POTATO AND CELERY ROOT LATKES

Potatoes and celery root are a terrific combination when mashed together. So I thought, "why not for latkes?"

Yield: 10 pancakes

2 large russet potatoes
1 large celery root
2 eggs, beaten
1/4 cup matzo meal or flour
1/4 cup water
2 scallions, trimmed and thinly sliced
Canola or vegetable oil for frying
Coarse (kosher) salt and freshly ground pepper

1. Peel the potatoes and the celery root. Fit the work bowl of a food processor with the shredding blade. Place the potatoes and celery root individually in the tubecover opening and process to shred.

2. Beat the eggs in a large bowl and whisk in the matzo meal, water and seasonings to taste. Add the scallions and the contents of the processor work bowl. Turn the mixture with a large spoon to coat evenly.

3. Add oil to a depth of 1/4-inch in a large heavy skillet (I use a 12-inch calphalon or cast iron skillet for even heat distribution). Oil should be about 365 degrees or until the surface of the oil just barely waves. Never allow the oil to bubble! With a large oval spoon, drop vegetable mixture into the hot oil and flatten lightly with the back of the spoon. Cook about 3 minutes on one side until golden then carefully turn and cook about 2 – 2 1/2 minutes on the other side. Transfer to a paper towel lined cookie sheet to drain as they are done. The latkes can be prepared ahead and kept warm in a 200 degree oven.

SWEET POTATO, CARROT AND YELLOW PEPPER LATKES

The food processor makes easy work on this twist of the traditional potato pancake.

Yield: 10-12 pancakes

1 tablespoon olive oil
1 yellow pepper, trimmed, deseeded and diced
2 scallions, trimmed and thinly sliced
2-3 carrots, scraped
1 large sweet potato, peeled
3 eggs, beaten
1/3 cup matzoh meal
1/3 cup water
Coarse (kosher) salt to taste
Freshly ground pepper
Canola or vegetable oil for frying

1. Warm oil in a non-stick skillet and saute yellow peppers with scallions, until pepper is tender. Transfer to a side dish.

2. Place shredding blade in work bowl of a food processor. Cut carrots in lengths to fit the tube in the cover of the processor and process to shred. Cut potato in lengths and process as above. Transfer mixture to a large bowl. Add beaten eggs, matzoh meal, water and salt and pepper to taste. Add yellow pepper and scallions and stir to mix.

3. Add oil to a depth of 1/4-inch in a large heavy skillet (I use a 12-inch calphalon or cast iron skillet for even heat distribution.) Oil should be about 365 degrees or until the surface of the oil barely waves. Never allow the oil to come to a surface bubble. With a large oval spoon, drop vegetable mixture into the hot oil and flatten lightly with the back of a spoon. Cook for 2 minutes on each side until golden brown. Transfer to a paper towel lined cookie sheet to drain as they are done. Latkes may be prepare ahead and kept warm in a 200-degree oven.

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Side Dish

By Aji Jones

Annona in Westhampton Beach, named after the Roman goddess of the harvest, hosts a Tuscan wine dinner on Thursday, December 14. The night will feature a five-course dinner (two wines paired with each course) for $125 per person. Annona takes its culinary inspiration from regions of Italy while focusing on local produce from the abundant farms on the North Fork of Long Island. Choose from a predominantly Italian wine list featuring local and boutique producers. For more information, call Annona at (631) 288-7766.

Fresno in East Hampton will host a wine dinner in conjunction with Domaine Wines of Pantigo Place in East Hampton, Sunday, December 17 at 6 p.m. Viognier and Syrah wines will be paired with cuisine prepared by Fresno chef Gretchen Menser. The price is $75 per person plus tax and gratuity. Reservations are recommended and should be made directly through the restaurant. For further information, call Fresno at (631) 324-8700.

Alison in Bridgehampton serves a four-course Christmas Eve menu prepared by Executive Chef Robert Gurvich. Reservations are being taken for between 6-11 p.m. at $56 per person. For further information, call Alison at (631) 537-7100.

East Wind Caterers will serve brunch with Santa on Sunday, December 17 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Kids can tell Santa their Christmas wishes while listening to holiday favorites sung by The East Wind Christmas carolers. The cost is $26.95 for adults and $13.95 for children, and children under three years-old are no cost. For further information, contact East Wind at (631) 929-3500.

Tierra Mar in Westhampton Beach is hosting a Christmas Eve brunch on December 31st from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The brunch will cost $25.00 per person, plus 20% gratuity and this includes an appetizer buffet and choice of one entrée. For more information or reservations, call Tierra Mar at (631) 288-2700.

Chef Matthew Guiffrida of **The Patio** in Westhampton Beach offers a cooking class the third Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m; this month's class will take place on Wednesday, December 20. This class will focus on the seven fishes served in the traditional Italian Christmas Eve dinner. The dishes will include: stuffed calamari, shellfish casserole, and pumpkin pie shortcake along with additional surprise items! The class costs $30 per person and includes holiday spice punch as well as the regular open wine bar. Space is limited to 50 guests, so please call to make a reservation. For reservations or further information, call The Patio at (631) 288-4878.

The Laundry Restaurant in East Hampton is serving a Christmas Eve dinner on Sunday, December 24 from 5:30-11 p.m. Dinners can choose from the a la carte menu that will also feature special menu items. Menu items include jumbo lump crab cakes with avocado salsa and chipotle vinaigrette; Prince Edward Island mussels with garlic, white wine and parsley; grilled organic Scottish salmon with roasted artichokes, leeks, potato puree and tapenade vinaigrette; hand rolled gnocchi with shellfish ragout, chanterelle mushrooms and snap peas. For more information, call the Laundry at (631) 324-3199.

The Plaza Café in Southampton is serving a Christmas Eve dinner on Sunday December 24 starting at 5:30 p.m. The three-course dinner menu will start off with an *amuse bouche,* then diners can choose from a generous selection of choices at each course. The cost of the dinner is $65 per person plus tax and gratuity. Some of the menu items include pumpkin-lobster bisque with lobster nuggets; seared sea scallops with cauliflower puree and clementine piccata; pan roasted organic salmon with celery root puree, spinach and pinot noir reduction; sliced filet mignon, or grilled shrimp. For more info, call The Plaza Caféé at (631) 283-9323.

Nick & Toni's in East Hampton will offer holiday specials on Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24. Dinner begins at 6 p.m with a la carte specials including, warm mixed seafood salad with local littleneck clams, mussels, calamari, octopus, lobster, shrimp and bay scallops (representing the seven fishes typically served on Christmas Eve in Italy), white truffle risotto, lobster al arrabiata ("angry style lobster"), spicy lobster dish and panettone bread pudding. For further information, call Nick & Toni's at (631) 324-3550.

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Architecture That's Good Enough to Eat

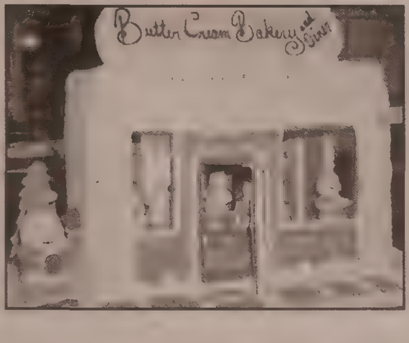
The holidays are often a time to bake sweets and other goodies you normally wouldn't take the time to bake during any other time of year. These desserts include things like fudge, meringues, and gingerbread houses. Some of these sweets are quick and easy to make, while others take a bit of effort. Gingerbread houses are a fun project to take on during some well-deserved time off during the holidays.

Gingerbread has been in existence for about one thousand years. It was created in Germany and there have been many variations of how to bake it since its beginning. Throughout time, gingerbread has been spicy, sweet, thick, thin, soft and hard. It was most often either a dark cake or a flat cookie, much like today. And it was almost always decorated with colorful icing and powdered sugar.

Many places in Europe held gingerbread fairs, where people sell and sample each other's own creations. Each season was normally linked with different shapes – spring was often associated with flowers and buttons, and autumn featured animals and nature. At a traditional fair in England, however, unmarried women were expected to eat gingerbread "husbands" if they wanted a better chance of finding a real life husband.

Gingerbread can be made any time of year, but it is most prominently baked during the holiday season. The tradition of creating gingerbread house masterpieces also began in Germany. The idea was presented originally by the Grimm brothers, who discovered the German fairy tale of Hansel and Gretel wherein two children, deserted by their parents, come across a house in the woods made of cake, bread, and candy.

As gingerbread making became popular in Germany it was quickly recognized as a profession. Nuremberg became known as the gingerbread capital of Europe and craftsmen of all kinds were attracted to the city – sculptors, painters, woodcarvers, and goldsmiths all contributed to the creation of the most amazing gingerbread houses. Chefs and artists worked as a team to bake and decorate each house. People from all across Europe often came to ogle and purchase these creations.



Many European settlers brought their families' recipes and customs with them to the United States, and the tradition of gingerbread houses was one tradition that took hold immediately and has been ongoing ever since. Creative cooks tinkered with the traditional German recipe and patterns, partially due to different regional ingredients, and today, there are many variations in the way gingerbread is made. This, of course, produces many variations in both taste and appearance.

Many people create gingerbread house masterpieces merely for the love of the art. One enthusiast, Roger A. Pelcher, made the Guinness Book of World Records for the largest gingerbread house ever made. Created in 1989, the work of art was calculated to have a thirty square foot base and was fifty two feet high.

Many gingerbread house making and decorating contests are held today, usually in the beginning of December. Depending on the contest, there may or may not be a small fee to participate, but there is usually free admission for viewers. Also, depending on the contest, winners may be judged by an official panel weighing their decision based on certain criteria, or simply by viewers voting for their favorite house.

One of the largest contests is held at Darnall's Chance House Museum in Maryland. This contest, which began seven years ago, is for both children and adults and has many rules and regulations. For example, the entire gingerbread house must be edible, and the size of the house can be no bigger than 24" long, 18" wide and 26" high. The winner in each category is chosen based on originality, overall appearance, choice and use of materials and difficulty of design, and is awarded with an honorary medal and a two hundred dollar prize.

This year, a four day gingerbread house contest is being held at the Mills Pond House in St. James by the Smithtown Township Arts Council from December 12-16. Participants were to enter the contest in advance, for a fifteen-dollar fee, but all are welcome to view the masterpieces on any of these days between 3 and 9 p.m.

Another contest was held in Valley Stream on December 3 at the Pagan-Fletcher Restoration. Viewers were to vote for their favorite houses and one hundred dollars in prizes were given out to the winners. Though it may be too late to enter a contest this year, if you enjoy creating or viewing gingerbread houses, it may be something to think about for the next holiday season.

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What would the holiday season be without Christmas cookies? An important part of my family's holiday tradition, and likely yours, is baking and decorating cookies. Every year around this time, we spend hours cutting dough into the shapes of reindeer, candy canes, Santa Claus, holly leaves, etc., and then baking and decorating the festive treats with frosting and candies. All the while laughing, listening to holiday music and getting into the overall Christmas spirit. Then, of course, we eat them, which inevitably leads to a dessert coma. When it comes to indulging in Christmas cookies, I find that resistance is futile, but if you have the self-control to bake without devouring, Christmas cookies make wonderful and inexpensive gifts for the holidays.

Over the years, mostly by trial and error, I've uncovered several helpful Christmas cookie-baking tips. For evenly baked and browned cookies, use aluminum pans. If the pans are too thin, the cookies will easily burn. If you don't own heavy-duty cookie sheets with thick insulation, simply cover them with aluminum foil. It is also a good idea to experiment with your oven's temperature. I've found that my oven is always hotter than the temperature a recipe calls for, so I set it approximately 20 degrees cooler. It is best to roll out the cookie dough on waxed paper, and when using cookie cutters, dip them in flour to avoid the dough from sticking. Always place the cookies on cold sheets because a warm pan will cause the dough to spread from the heat. Run cold water over warm sheets before using them for the next batch to speed up the process. Bake the cookies until they are light brown around the edges and keep in mind that the cookies will continue to bake from the warmth of the sheet even after you remove them from the oven. The cookies are ready to be lifted from the baking sheet when they can be removed with a spatula without breaking.

My favorite Christmas cookie gift giving idea is to prepare an assortment that represents different parts of the world. For example, a United Kingdom themed cookie gift could be comprised of English toffee squares, Scottish shortbread and Irish whiskey cookies all decorated for Christmas. Or a Latin American themed gift could include Mexican wedding cake cookies, Puerto Rican mantecaditos and alfajores to represent Peru. Christmas cookies are a holiday tradition in many countries and cultures, so there is an endless variety to choose from.

Besides the dazzling decorations, the packaging is perhaps the most important part of giving Christmas cookies as gifts. Purchase holiday tins or plastic baggies, and fill them with an assortment of cookies. For your dearest friends and family members, include a bottle of eggnog or a holiday DVD. Other packaging ideas include red and green saran wrap, Chinese take-out boxes and decorated cookie jars. If you are too busy to make a homemade gift this year, give your recipient a gift basket full of ingredients or "cookies in a jar," which is a standard, 1-quart mason jar filled with the ingredients to a cookie recipe placed in distinct layers resembling sand art. Tie a fancy bow around the basket or jar, or add a personalized tag and your gift is ready to be given.

If you plan to mail the cookies, it is best to send ones that do not break easily. If you are mailing more than one type of cookie, pack each type in a different container to prevent the flavors from changing or blending together. Also, be sure to use sturdy foil-lined containers to package the cookies and place sheets of waxed paper between each layer. Use crumpled newspaper, packing peanuts or another packing material to cushion the containers in the shipping box. After sealing the box, mark it with the word "perishable" to ensure careful handling.

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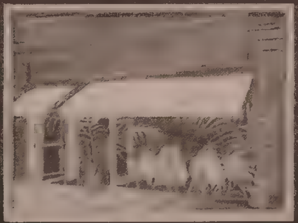
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Shake Up Some Holiday Cheer

Brace yourself. Just when you thought that lifting those heavy boxes full of dusty ornaments, derelict Santas, and star-crossed angels up from the basement couldn't get any worse, a light has appeared at the end of the red-and-green-lined tunnel. Your cure has finally arrived. December is not only a month-long stretch of holiday parties and shopping deals and steals, it is also the pinnacle for holiday cheer. And by cheer, I mean holiday drinking. Now you can finally enjoy all those punches, 'nogs and ciders you fantasized about drinking during the warmer months, and they have come just in time to take the edge off, too.

It is important to take advantage of this time and enjoy these holiday spirits, simply because they are not the type of drinks you can indulge in throughout the year, and in my opinion, they are super-califragilistic-expialidocious.

While eggnog literally means "egg in a small cup," it is much more than that. We've doctored-up the concoction to be a silky-smooth frothy brew since its origin in the mid-seventeenth century. Egg nog was first drunk in England, where it was a drink for the upper-class and throughout the years, it has been used to toast to one's good health, and what a nice way to celebrate the health of your loved ones by mixing up a large bowl for everyone to share. There are many different versions that people "swear" are the best, yet I believe that this classic version will yield the most smiles.

Classic Eggnog

6 eggs, separated
3/4 cup sugar
1 pint of heavy cream
4 pints of milk
1/2 pint of Bourbon
1 tablespoon vanilla
Nutmeg to taste

In a bowl, beat the egg yolks with 1/2 cup of sugar until the mixture thickens. In another bowl, beat the egg whites, with 1/4 cup of sugar, until thick. In a third bowl, beat the heavy cream. Add the cream to the yolks, fold in the egg whites, and add milk, Bourbon, vanilla, and nutmeg. Chill in the freezer until you serve. This reciepe yields about 8 to 10 servings.

Red wine and apple cider are traditional spiced winter drink-warmers, and take very nicely to mulling. The word "mulled" simply means heated or spiced. The primary spices almost always include cinnamon, cloves, nutmeg, allspice berries, fresh ginger slices, orange slices and lemon zest. The history of mulled drinks, and especially wine, was that it was supposed to keep people warm, sanitary and healthy throughout the cold months. Spice up your life and try some mulled wine.

Mulled Red Wine

2 bottles of red wine
1/2 cup of water
1/2 cup of sugar
4 sticks of cinnamon
5 whole cloves
1 orange
1 lemon

Zest the fruit and add sugar, cinnamon and cloves into the water. Bring to a slow boil for 5 minutes. Remove from the heated surface and add the wine. Add some orange and lemon slices and warm this on low heat for 40 minutes. Be sure not to boil the wine. Strain and serve.

For those of you that may not enjoy the taste of wine, or perhaps are lactose intolerant, there is still a classic holiday drink that you can mix up in no time. Remember how the punch at your high school prom just didn't cut the mustard? And remember how that jungle-juice at the fraternity party you went to in college was way too strong? Now that you are old enough, I hope, you can go ahead and spike your own punch to perfection.

Christmas Punch

1 (750 ml) bottle of light rum
1 oz. triple sec
2 cups of orange juice
2/3 cup lemon juice
1/4 oz. of cherries, adding juice is optional
1/2 cup of sugar
1 orange sliced
1 lemon slices
1 8 oz. can of pineapple chunks
1 liter of carbonated water

Combine sugar, orange and lemon juice into a large bowl until sugar is fully dissolved. Add the cherries, triple sec, light rum, and fruit. Set for 1 or 2 hours to allow flavors to blend. Add the carbonated water before serving. When it comes to spreading holiday cheer and enjoying these fabulous spirits, its important to remember that moderation is the key to consuming alcohol. And drink slowly too, and enjoy the marvelous blend of flavors in your cup. Whether you are hosting, going to a friend's party or staying home with your family this year, stay warm and pass the holiday cheer around. Bottoms up!

– Victoria L. Cooper

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ART COMMENTARY *With Marion Wolberg Weiss*

CHRISTMAS IN NEW YORK: INTERIOR SPACE AT THE NEUE GALERIE

Part II

Christmas in New York takes us from exterior space and public art in Madison Square Park (last week's column) to interior space and museum exhibitions. One of the most intriguing and off-beat places is Neue Galerie, located in a landmark 1914 mansion on Fifth Avenue at Eighty-sixth Street. The rotating selections include early Twentieth Century works by Austrian and German artists like Klimt, Schiele, Beckmann and Bauer.

Thus, the venue's ornate architectural style and the works on exhibit complement one another, both deriving from the early 1900s. Consider, for example, Gustav Klimt's elaborate style and Ergon Schiele's Expressionism (which isn't decorative but still mostly figurative, complex and disconcerting, keeping with the colors and configurations of other Austrian artists during the period).

This feeling of belonging that pervades the Galerie is applicable to the works as well as to the museumgoers. It's as though we are wandering through our own home, appreciating our own art collection. The soothing music floating through the air adds to the comforting atmosphere.

Photo by MW Weiss

This ambience is unusual, to say the least, obviously because the space is intimate, unlike a larger museum, perhaps the Guggenheim as an example. That's the advantage of using a mansion to display art. Obviously, there's the absence of congestion and lines in places like the Neue.

Each floor brings its own special characteristics and its subsequent unique sentiments, the wrought iron decorative staircase serving as a metaphor for symbiosis. The black and white tile floor in the lobby also becomes a connecting quality with black and white polka dot wallpaper on the third level where furniture designed by Josef Hoffmann is featured for a girl's bedroom (Vienna 1902).

Hoffmann's design of the Stonborough-Wittgenstein home in Berlin, circa 1905, on the second-floor galleries, also puts the viewer in the middle of the dining room setting. As with the other recreated rooms, carpets and textiles have been re-woven to sustain the integrity of each space.

Moreover, lighting fixtures, ceramics, glass and metalwork have all been incorporated to show how extensive Hoffmann's talent for design really was.

Visitors to the Neue Galerie have a difficult time leaving the premises. Personally, we often can't wait to get out of the Guggenheim.

The Hoffmann exhibit will be on view until Feb. 26, 2007. Call 212-628-8824 for more information.

HONORING THE ARTIST: DANA HEACOCK

Lest we imagine that being both an artist and a businessman does not compute, consider this week's cover artist, Maine resident Dana Heacock. While a lot of us think that most creative individuals don't have much marketing skills and conversely, that most business people lack artistic abilities, Mr. Heacock proves us wrong.

The following interview demonstrates the point:

Q: The cover painting, "Catching Snow Flakes," is part of a series you did for your yearly calendar. How did that come about, technically?

A: Many of my images are from photographs that I take. This image, however, is a composite: the barn in the background and the dog are taken from different sources. It's probably the calendar's most popular image. By the way, the calendar is a fold-out portfolio; each monthly poster can be framed.

Q: How does your selection of images come about?

A: The paintings give you a sense of the season without it being obvious. For example, there's a rowboat tied to a dock for August. The images have to be things that people relate to, no matter what part of the country they live in, not just indigenous to Maine.

Q: How did the calendar itself, which your company, Abacus, publishes, come about?

A: It's a long story. I inherited the project from a woman in 1997 who was doing the calendar. Up to that point, I didn't paint. I studied graphic arts, photography, drawing and illustration at The Rhode Island School of Design. I was an entrepreneur, running four retail stores in Maine, including Portland and Freeport, where we sold crafts, jewelry, and ceramics. I've been in the retail business since I was a young child.

Q: How did that come about?

A: Even though I was born in Maine, I grew up in Connecticut. Each summer we would come back to Maine. As a child, I would collect beach stones, draw on them and sell them to the tourists. When I was a teenager, I would do pen and ink works. When I was twenty-one, I opened my first store in Bennington, Vermont, and then came back to live in Maine, opening a place in Boothbay Harbor.

Q: Where did you get this double talent of art and business? Anyone in your family who had these talents?

A: My mother was in the arts, doing watercolors and sculpture. My great uncle was in business in Boston during the early part of the Twentieth Century. He had a pharmacy.

Q: Besides your retail abilities, do you have any other creative skills, like architecture, for example?

A: As a matter-of-fact, I designed my house which was in a national magazine. It's a traditional Maine cottage with cedar shingles, but it has lots of glass. I've also changed the design in my stores, most notably the one in Freeport. I have been asked to do interior design, but I am too busy to consider it.

Q: If you weren't too busy, what would you consider in ten years or so?

A: I'd like to do abstractions.

Q: But I bet you'd still live in Maine, a place lots of people would find too cold.

A: You're right. But people have the wrong idea about Maine. They think it's like Newfoundland. It was sixty -six degrees here about ten days ago. The ocean keeps it temperate. We are milder here than Chicago or Detroit. I'm here to stay.

–Marion Wolberg Weiss

Mr. Heacock's website is: www.abacusgallery.com. You may order calendar s and prints by calling 1-800-206-2166.

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ART EVENTS

Dan's COMING UP

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APPLIED ARTS – The First Annual Student, Faculty and Patron Group Show will be shown through January 5. The show highlights pieces from over 60 artists ranging from traditional landscape painting to contemporary digital media. Part of the proceeds go toward special programming at the Applied Arts. Located at 11 Indian Wells Highway, Amagansett. Call 631-267-2787.

GALERIE BELAGE – Featuring works by Pino, Degas, Dali, Peter Max, Ivan Valtchev, Irit Hadani, Tarkay, and others. Gallery hours for the fall season are: Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and by appointment on the weekends. Located behind Margarita Grille at 8 Moniebogue Lane, Westhampton Beach. Call 631-288-5082.

BIRNAM WOOD GALLERIES – Featuring paintings, fine prints, and works on by Richard Hayley Lever, Everett Shinn, Helene Frankenthaler and Wolf Kahn. Also featuring new works by British artist Chloe Lamb. Located at 52 Park Place, East Hampton. Call 631-324-6010 or visit www.birnamwoodart.com.

BOLTAX GALLERY – Now showing "Don Florence 20/20: Works on Paper." The gallery will be open Friday through Sunday from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. and by appointment. Located at 21 North Ferry Road (Route 114), Shelter Island. Call 631-749-3530.

BRAVURA ART GALLERY – "Tschacbasov: Controversial and Prescient 1930s WPA Era Paintings." Show will run through Sunday, December 31. Gallery is open Thursday to Monday, 11:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. (except Sunday, from noon) and by appointment. Located at 22 Nugent Street, Southampton. Call 631-259-2605.

✓ **PICK OF THE WEEK**
SPANIERMAN GALLERY – "Art for the New Collector V." Vintage-American, modern, contemporary paintings, watercolors, and sculpture. 68 Newtown Lane (building in rear), East Hampton. 631-329-9630.

BRIDGEHAMPTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY – Artist Mary Gardener will be exhibiting " Selected Images," a selection of her work through December 20. Located at 2368 Montauk Highway, Bridgehampton. Call 631-537-1088.

CELADON GALLERY – Holiday pottery sale, made by the potters of the Clay Art Guild of the Hamptons. Will run through December 16. Saturdays and Sundays only, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Located at 41 Old Mill Road (next to the Water Mill Museum), Water Mill. Call 631-726-2547.

CHRYSALIS GALLERY – "7th Annual Holiday

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Show." Gallery hours are Mon.-Sat., 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Will run through December 16. Hours are Mon.-Sat., 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Located at Main Street, Southampton. Call 631-287-1883.

THE CRAZY MONKEY GALLERY – Holiday Small Works Show featuring the work of Lynn Matsouka. Will run from through December 30. The gallery is open from 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday to Sunday. Located at 136 Main Street, Amagansett. Call 631-267-3627.

THE DRAWING ROOM – Recent works by artists. Show will run through December 23. Open Mon. and Thurs.-Sat., 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sun. 11 a.m.- 5 p.m. Located at 16 Newtown Lane, East Hampton. Call 631-324-5016.

EAST HAMPTON STUDIOS – "Neoteric: Young Artists of the East End," will be shown December 16 from 4 p.m.-12 a.m. There will be live art, works of art, short films and animations, as well as live music. The event will benefit the East End Hospice. This event is made possible in part by McNeill Art Group, Inc. Located at 75 Industrial Road (Off Daniels Hole Rd), Wainscott. Call 631-537-6300.

FERREGUT TOWER GALLERY –"Spice," an exhibition of artists with a great variation in medium and visual depiction. Including William Rayner, Polly Kraft, Sydney Butchkes and Elizabeth Strong and more. The show will run through January 31. There will be an artists reception December 16 from 6-8 p.m. Gallery hours are Friday-Sunday, 1-6 p.m. and by appointment. Located at 3 South Main Street, Southampton. Call 631-287-0798.

THE GALLERY – Showing Amy Ernst's "New Works," which includes paintings, constructions, and match book collages. Gallery hours are Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Located at 125 Main Street, Sag Harbor. Call 631-725-7707.

GUILD HALL – As a gift to the East End community, Guild Hall is waiving museum entrance admission fees to "Our Town: Fritz Leddy Photographs" and "Our Town Today: Contemporary Visions of East Hampton by East End Photographers" exhibitions from now until January 7. Located at 158 Main Street, East Hampton. Call 631-324-0806.

HAMPTON ROAD GALLERY – A series of photographs by Wendy Chamberlain will be shown from her book *True East*. Will run through December 20. Proceeds will benefit the Peconic Land Trust. Located at 36 Hampton Road, Southampton. Call 631-204-9704.

JADE NECTAR GALLERY EAST – "Enchantment: Art for Children's Bedrooms." Will run through January 8. Jade Nectar Gallery East is open for the winter Friday and Saturday from 12-8 p.m., and Sunday and Monday from 12 to 6 p.m. Located at 77 Jobs Lane, Southampton. Call 631-283-6308.

Work by Polly Kraft, at Ferregut Tower Gallery

KARIN SANDERS FINE ART GALLERY – "2006 Gallery Retrospective" will run through April 15. Gallery hours are Sunday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, by appointment; closed Tuesday and Wednesday. Located at 126 Main Street, Sag Harbor. Visit or call 631-899-3430.

MARK BORGHI FINE ART – "Holiday Show," art for new collectors at affordable prices through December 30. Abstract works by Vaclav Vytlacil, Arthur Christie, Michael Goldberg, Jane Wilson, Dennis Oppenheim, Abraham Walkowitz, Boris Solotareff and and Syd Soloman. Gallery hours are Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, 10 a.m.-5:30 pm. Located at 2462 Main Street, Bridgehampton. Call 631-537-7245.

PARASKEVAS GALLERY – Michael Paraskevas' extensive work and children's book illustrations from *Maggie and the Ferocious Beast* and other books he published with his mother, Betty. Open by appointment. Located at 83 Main St., Westhampton Beach. Call 631-287-1665.

PARRISH ART MUSEUM – "Roy Lichtenstein: American Indian Encounters," featuring an extraordinary selection of virtually unknown works, bringing together more than thirty rare paintings, prints, drawings, sculptures, and much more. The show will run through December 31. Located at 25 Jobs Lane, Southampton. Call 631-283-2118.

ROMANY KRAMORIS GALLERY – Deb Craven's "Hamptonscapes," will be shown through the Holidays. A reception will take place Saturday, December 16, 4-6 p.m. Also, artist Pol will be showing his work on the Wall of Small Works throughout the holiday season. Located 41 Main Street, Sag Harbor. Call 631-725-2499.

ROSS GALLERY – Ross School is pleased to announce the opening of "Alchemy: The Art of Christopher Engel" at the Ross Gallery. This exhibit will remain on view through December 22. It is open during school hours Monday through Friday and by appointment by calling 631-907-5238. Located 18 Goodfriend Drive, East Hampton.

RVS FINE ART – "Winter Wonderland," an exhibition of new work by gallery artists Francke, Muhs, Burns, Giova, Ojeda, Berlin, Vonthron, Dupre, Ferrato, La Huis, Farrell, D'Avino, and Ma. The works will be on display through March 3. Open by appointment throughout the winter. Located at 20 Jobs Lane, Southampton. Call 631-283-8546.

SARA NIGHTINGALE GALLERY – Malin Abrahamsson's, "The Past is a Foreign Country." There will be an opening reception Friday, December 15 from 5-7 p.m.

The exhibition will run through January 22. Located at 668 Montauk Highway, Water Mill. Call 631-726-0076.

SILAS MARDER GALLERY – "Fall Show," includes artwork by Hamptons artists and there will also be artwork on display in a salon style hung in the gallery's second space. Show will run through December 17. Gallery hours are Friday, 12-5 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m.- 5 p.m., and Sunday, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. Located at Snake Hollow Road, Bridgehampton. Call 631-702-2306.

SOLAR GALLERY – "Eduardo Bárcenas: Acts of Silence/from South to North, a Selection of Works from 2000 to 2006." Show will run through January 22. Located at 44 Davids Lane, East Hampton. Call 631-907-8422.

SOUTHAMPTON ARTISTS ASSOCIATION – "Holiday Gift Show," will run through December 22 at the Southampton Cultural Center. Hours are weekdays 10 a.m.-4p.m. and Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Located at 2 Pond Lane, Southampton. Call 631-283-2686.

SPANIERMAN GALLERY – "Art for the New Collector V." An exhibition of vintage-American, modern, contemporary paintings, watercolors, and sculpture. Also being shown in the lower gallery is "Long Island Landscapes." Both exhibitions will be shown through January 21. Gallery hours are Thursday through Monday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Located at 68 Newtown Lane (building in rear), East Hampton. Call 631-329-9630.

SURFACE LIBRARY GALLERY – "The Gift Of Art," a holiday exhibition of ceramics, paper-maché, landscapes, works on paper, furniture and sculpture. Will run through December 30. Gallery is open Thursday through Sunday, 10 a.m.- 8 p.m. Located at 845 Springs Fireplace Rd, East Hampton. Call 631-291-9061.

GALLERY AT GOODFRIEND PARK – Featuring Michael Knigin's paintings and photographs. Open to the public everyday by appointment through December. Located at 26 Goodfriend Drive, East Hampton. Call 631-324-5550.

TULLA BOOTH GALLERY – "Holiday Gallery Favorites." Reception will be held December 16, 6-8 p.m. Show will run through January 14. Gallery hours are Friday through Monday, 12:30 - 7 p.m. and Saturday, 12:30 - 8 p.m. Located at 66 Main Street, Sag Harbor. Call 631-725-3100.

VERED GALLERY – Open Mon.-Thurs., 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m.-9 p.m., and Sunday, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Located at 68 Park Place Passage, East Hampton. Call 631-324-3303.

THE WINTER TREE GALLERY – Now showing "Early Folks" by Noel Garingan and Cuca Romley's "American Sceneries." The shows will run through December 31. Open daily 12-7 p.m. except Tuesdays. Located at 125 Main Street, Sag Harbor. Call 631-725-0097.

WELLS FARGO GALLERY – A show of traditional photographs by Anthony Lombardo will be on show through the month of December. The office is open Mon.-Fri. from 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. Located at 62 Hampton Road, Southampton. Call 631-680-7551.

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Post-Party Pick Ups

'Tis the season to party, party, party… but what do all those late nights, alcohol, and rich foods have to do with your gorgeous face and body? And what's the point of the next party when you look as if you've done ten rounds with Mike Tyson? Plus, how about that hot date you made for the day after a black tie, the one where you didn't get home until 4 a.m. and dare I say it, where you might just have had one too many cocktails? How does one embrace the festivities all holiday season long and still look and feel good?

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serious dark circles

After a hard day's night, with lots of fun, (read lots of everything that's bad for you) it takes a little work and a couple tricks in order to look just as good as you did the night before……and the night before that. First, before falling into bed post-party, be sure to drink plenty of water to get re-hydrated. Also the day after – gobs of H20 is key to feeling and looking better.

Starting with the eyes……morning-after puffiness, redness, tired looking eyes are the worst. After all, they are the windows to your soul and who wants to go to a holiday party when you can't see the real you because of rough looking windows?

Before going to your next shin-dig, try Bremenn research Labs Hylexin if you have serious dark circles from the nights before – it's a unique product specifically developed for major dark under eyes, $95. For boys specifically, Eyes On The Rocks, $21 from Nickel is also a cool mask that you pop in the fridge and then place on your eyes, take five and you're good to go. Lotus Eye gel, $48 from Fresh helps with puffiness, dark circles and signs of fatigue, too. Of course, old-fashioned remedies like cucumber and tea bags on the eyes are always worth a try as well.

Once you've spent the day reviving your eyes with product, you can also use a couple of tricks with make-up to make yourself look a little more bright eyed. Wear white eyeliner inside your eye to look more awake. Navy mascara has a similar effect.

After the eyes, there is general skin well being to think about. After plenty of good times, your skin can look worse for wear. Remove make-up before going to sleep to give skin time to breath and be sure to moisturize moisturize, and moisturize. Stay away from coffee and cigarettes, which will only dull the skin even more.

Guys could try a morning-after rescue shaker, $35 Nickel With, Morning After Rescue Gel, Super Clean Face, Eye Contour Lift. Gals, you can also try using Bliss Triple Oxygen Instant Energizing Mask, $52 for lackluster skin. It releases oxygen into your dermis, so your complexion is instantly brighter, fresher, and younger-looking. Then, after tons of holiday foods, alcohol and the likes, many of us break out. So if you do have the famed Mario Badescu drying potion on hand at all times.

All the kissing done during the holiday season can also take its toll on your lips, from kissing great Aunt Flo for the hand knitted scarf she made you, to kissing under the mistletoe. So when you have some time off, get your smackers around some philosophy Kiss Exfoliating Lip Scrub $15. It's ideal for renewing and reviving over-used lips and makes them supple and smooth so you can use them when called upon to do so.

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Finally, all the dancing, standing and shaking hands this season can play havoc with your hands and feet. First, take advantage of this year's shoe trend and wear wedge or platform shoes. They are chic and so much more comfortable. Evening flats are even a go at the moment. But if your feet still feel like you can't possibly stand on them for another event, then try Bliss softening sock salve for $26, and Bliss softening socks. And for tired, over-used hands, Clarins Hand and Nail Treatment cream for $28, will give your hands a treat.

This holiday season you should party hard, love, live and be happy, but remember to take care of yourself, too. Make a little bit of time for you.

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HEALTH, BEAUTY & FITNESS

Picture Perfect

While the holidays mean many things to many people, they almost always bring a little bit of stress. And the last thing any stressed-out girl wants to do is have her picture taken, but, at holiday parties, everyone will be coaxed into posing for an endless array of pictures that will inevitably end up on the internet, your mother's refrigerator, and on the front of the family Christmas card. Herein lies the problem – stress and overeating, two inescapable parts of the holiday tradition, breed bad skin and an overall puffy appearance, which is why most people cringe at their party photos the week after. But, this year, there is hope.

First of all, to combat the stress of rushing home from the office for a serious wardrobe change before parties, invest in a beautiful, festive blazer and a killer pair of heels. Throw on these two items, and any outfit, even jeans and a t-shirt, will be ready to party. Keep some pinkish underye concealer (I use Shisiedo Optimal Cover in Soft Pink), dark blue mascara, Visine and dark blue eyeliner in your purse, too. This little bag of tricks is all you need to make puffy, tired eyes appear as fresh as if you had woken up from a twelve-hour nap. The blue makes your eyes and eye area appear whiter, and the pink concealer will make undereye circles disappear.

To reduce face puffiness and that little stomach pooch that everyone gets for a few weeks in December, try to avoid bread, salt and alcohol as much as possible. Giving up salty foods the day before a party will ensure that your face looks lean and beautiful. And for an extra face-slimming trick, try using bronzer below your cheekbones and at your temples and adding a sweep of peachy blush with a slight sheen on the very tops of your cheekbones. This will create the illusion of a perfectly sculpted face in all of your photos. To further enhance your printed image, brush bronzer above and below your collarbones and dab some shimmering moisturizer or powder on your bare shoulders and collarbones. This will do for your neck and chest what the aforementioned trick did for your face.

And, of course, what would stressed-out skin look like without a few pesky zits that refuse to stay covered, no matter how much concealer you pile on them? Luckily, even these are preventable and treatable. Splash some ice cold water on your face before you get ready. This will tighten your pores and make your skin brighter immediately. To reduce excess oil, apply an oil-absorbing moisturizer before putting on make-up, which will help control shine and also give you a clean, matte base for all of your holiday decorations. And never go to sleep with your makeup on. NEVER. Aveeno makes handy "instant facial" pads that are an all-in-one, so even the most partied-out girl can splash her face with water, scrub it with the pad, and rinse before bed. Clean & Clear also makes an exfoliating facial scrub for their "Morning Burst" line that has all sorts of face-calming ingredients, such as ginseng, ginger, aloe and cucumber, and it makes skin feel cool and clean.

Even if you take perfect care of your skin during the holidays, there is still a chance that your mother's nagging will coax out a pink dot or two, right in the middle of your forehead. So, to combat them, invest in one or two truly amazing spot treatments, just in case. The newest spot treatment on the market is Clean & Clear Advantage, it is proven to show clearer skin as soon as you apply it, 100% of the time. This is supposedly a new breakthrough in skincare, although I don't really believe that it makes pimples go away faster, it does reduce their appearance immediately, by reducing redness and making the bump shrink a little. This should at least make them much easier to cover up and less noticeable to the camera lens. If you really want to bring out the heavy artillery, La Prairie makes a little tube called Blemish Control that has twice the Salicylic Acid of any other pimple product on the market, and won't irritate even the most sensitive skin.

Even if your holidays are stressful, you don't have to look as stressed as you feel. These little tricks will help even the most stressed-out party girl look like a million bucks in every photo, and maybe looking gorgeous will make her feel so beautiful and relaxed that she will have eliminated the stress all together, at least for a little while.

– Sabrina C. Mashburn

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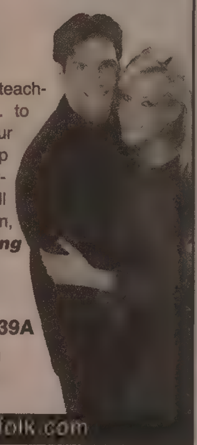

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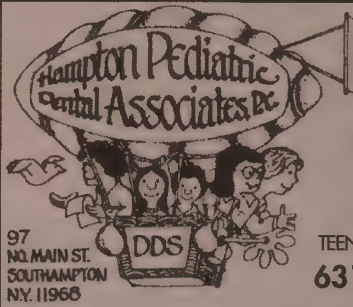

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The Garden At Rock Cottage *by Lance Brilliantine*

Reshaping Spring

I used to think of gardening as a spring-to-fall activity – I now recognize, especially as I am aging, that good gardening takes all year to accomplish.

Now that the weather is dropping below 40 degrees, it is time to reshape the garden for spring. Like weight-loss in people, winter pruning makes plants in a garden lighter and more energetic. It also sparks new growth in spring and enhances your garden's appearance. When done correctly and to the right plants, pruning invigorates them, removes dead wood and weight, improves air circulation, and encourages more flower growth and leaf density.

I am not suggesting that you "hack away" at plants all winter. Rather, I suggest well-planned, careful pruning as a good winter task. There are far too many examples of poorly pruned, globular mounds in gardens. Well-pruned plants appear as if they have been untouched, but are so much more contained and aesthetically appealing than plants that have been left to shape themselves.

Be careful – winter pruning is not good for all plants. Focus your winter pruning on plants that lose their leaves (deciduous) or bloom on new growth. Plants like Nikko Blue hydrangeas, rhododendrons, azaleas, and some spring-flowering trees and shrubs are best left untouched until after they bloom. (Most spring-flowering plants increase their flowering if pruned following flowering.) Similarly, evergreens grow best when pruned in the spring.

Pruning ought to remove internal clutter. Look for plants that have visible dead branches, and for those that have many internal or rubbing branches. You can also identify trees that have outgrown their space or need reshaping. Except for formal hedges, most plants look best when they seem untouched and natural. There are two types of pruning cuts used to shorten branches and stimulate new growth: nonselective and selective. Nonselective pruning is best for formal hedges, as it creates rapid, bushy growth just below the cuts. Selective pruning reduces plant size without altering shape. To prune selectively, cut stems and branches above lateral buds that face the direction you wish new growth to occur. Varying the cuts from long to short will maintain a natural look.

As a rule of thumb, do not prune more than a third of a plant's total growth in any one year. For plants that have been neglected this suggests a "multi-year" strategy. Start at the top of a tree or shrub, always using care about cutting bottom branches, as they sometimes are slow to re-grow. Pruning about a quarter-inch above a bud induces new growth. (Cutting to far above a bud actually reduces growth and may impede healing.) Begin by removing suckers that are growing from tree bases or roots. Also, remove internal shoots along large branches, as internal shoots drain plant vigor and ought to be cut back to the originating branch, leaving just a slight bit of wood about the cut, to allow the branch to heal easily. This will increase light penetration and air circulation. Outward-facing growth is the most desirable, and it will maintain the internal air circulation of the plant. Using angled cuts will also allow water to run off the branches. When pruning, never cut branches flush with a trunk. Leave a small piece attached so that the branch "collar," a bulge extending from the trunk, is protected. Cut underneath a branch first, then cut down to ensure the bark does not tear. In time, the collar will heal and form a callus. Using this approach, vary sizes, shapes, and depths of plants to achieve a collage effect. The textures ought to blend, even without leaves.

This year at Rock Cottage, once the freeze sets in, I will trim our overgrown dogwood tree. Dogwoods are bleeders, e.g., they ooze sap when cut, and cutting back branches during winter is an easy way to avoid this problem. The goal will be to remove density and reshape the tree for a more appealing, less straggly effect. This process will create internal openess in the tree, thereby reducing moisture that could harbor rot. It will also remove crossing or rubbing branches that potentially can create an environment for disease. Winter pruning is a great activity for gardeners who seem to twiddle their thumbs at this time of year. Pruning now will help create a wonderful design for spring and also invigorate your garden's health. It is also a great way to focus your efforts, so that there will be fewer tasks to accomplish next spring.

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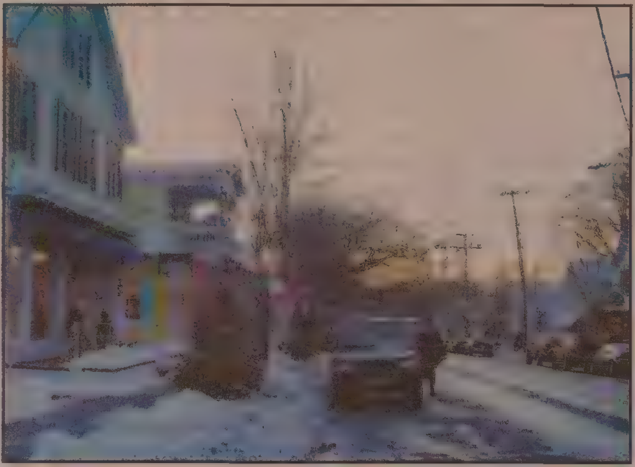
Real Estates

by Diane Strecker

If what you are wishing for this holiday season is an estate in the Hamptons, East End realtors are ready and waiting to make your dreams come true. Whether it is an oceanfront mansion, a secluded hideaway or simply a small country cottage, you can find it here. There is a bevy of beauties available to peruse online, where estates, as well as tiny beach cottages, can be viewed by surfing hreo.com, A.K.A. Hamptons Real Estate.com. From West Hampton to Montauk, Aquebogue to Orient, there literally are thousands of East End properties for sale spanning both the North and South Forks.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Downtown Sag Harbor

In Bridgehampton and Sagaponack, where the two **highest-priced listings on the East End are located, and one's pocketbook must be able to withstand a loss of upwards of $60 million, there is always the 60-acre Three Ponds Farm, or a newly-listed, 15-acre oceanfront compound, for the taking.** Three Ponds Farm is a lavish estate that includes not only the property's three ponds, stocked with fish, but its own private, 18-hole golf course. There are almost too many amenities on this expansive estate to mention them all. It is set in the heart of Bridgehampton's rolling farmland and boasts one of the more sizeable parcels in the area on the market today, as well as the mansion itself, a guest cottage, silo, infinity pool, personal pro shop, fourteen formal gardens and more than one barn. **In Sagaponack, for $65 million, there is an unbelievable 15-acre property that offers 500 feet of oceanfront, 500 feet of pond-front and a 5,000-square-foot residence with staff quarters, an ocean side pool and private guesthouse, situated on its own four-acre parcel. A property in Sagaponack with this kind of acreage on the ocean is almost unheard of in today's market, where oceanfront property has turned to absolute gold – hence the price tag.** The property is situated a quarter-mile from the nearest public beach, making it the ultimate in privacy. Both of these listings represent the upper echelon of East End real estate, and both are listed with the Corcoran Group's East Hampton and Bridgehampton offices.

Dropping down just a notch in price, **$45 million can buy you piece of North Haven with 250 feet of deep-water dockage overlooking Sag Harbor. This 7,500-square-foot, English country mansion on 1.5 acres has seven bedrooms and eleven baths. It has a 20' x 50' pool, a Jacuzzi and eight fireplaces. It is listed with Prudential Douglas Elliman in Sag Harbor. And for $40 million, you can still buy Andy Warhol's old place on the bluffs of the Moorlands in Montauk. Eothen, as it is more formally called, is listed with multiple area realtors. At $35 million, you can have Bumble Bee Manor's 3.25 waterfront acres on Shelter Island. The sixteen-room mansion, which overlooks the water and includes a guesthouse, St. Barth's-style pool and pool house, is the highest-priced piece of residential real estate on the tiny island.** It is listed with Brown Harris Stevens of Bridgehampton. Also on Shelter Island is a marina for $16 million, and a famous inn, The Ram's Head, for $10.5 million.

For those who prefer the quiet seclusion of the North Fork, there is a 7,200-square-foot estate on Nassau Point near the bay for $8,250,000. There is a billiard room, wine cellar, media room and two staircases. It is listed with Prudential Douglas Elliman in Southold.

Also in Southold, one can purchase a vintage, three-bedroom classic home with pond views for $995,000. The three-acre property and 3,200-square-foot home is near the Long Island Sound and has cobblestone fireplaces in both the living room and formal dining room. It is listed with the Corcoran Group's Cutchogue office.

One can still find a quaint country cottage for under a million south of the highway in Quogue. Here, one can walk to the village or the beach from a cute, two-bedroom one-bath cottage. **This little 1,000-square-foot gem is set on just under an acre and can be picked up for $995,000.** It is listed with Phillips Beach Realty. So, if the multi-million dollar listings are too rich for your holiday dreams, don't lose heart, there are still a few mini dream-homes to be found here on the East End.

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Letters

EVERYONE THANKING EVERYONE IS NICE

Dear Dan,

Having just read your third article on Thanksgiving this year, I felt the need to say thank you to you. Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday as it is uniquely American and includes all. I also love the idea of presets on Thanksgiving. But what I what to thank you most for is your writing. I have been coming to eastern Long Island since 1964 as a visitor and moved here permanently in 1970. I have read your newspaper since the beginning and always liked it. Now I feel is the best paper out here and the weeks that I don't have time to read the entire paper I make sure to at lease read your articles. Your opinions are always reasonable ad make an attempt to see all sides of an issue. But the best part is that they always make me laugh. Sometimes it's only a smile or a chuckle but may times I laughing and loud ad continue laughing all day

You have been a lifeline to sanity for me in a crazy world and this crazy place. I don't think there are that many places as unique as eastern Long Island where the "haves" and the "have nots" live so tightly packed together I takes a special talent to report all of these people's stories honestly and not offend. Your sense of humor and imagination have inspired me in my own recent attempts at writing fiction ad for this I also sincerely give you thanks I'll be looking forward to next Friday's issue.

Keep up the cool work.

Donna Lee Evarts
Quiogue

P.S.: This is my first ever letter to an editor, I usually just talk back to the articles in the safety of my living room.

Thank you for reading me. –DR

CRIME AND PUNISHMENT

Dear Dan,

I write as a woman *and* as a longtime resident of our so-called idyllic community. Although relieved to learn that John. J. Giraldi has been sentenced to 20 years in a State Pen for his horrible attacks on nearly three dozen women (from 2002 to 2005) no amount of punishment can temper the awful violation suffered by his victims.

After reading your account of the events that led to his arrest, I am forced to ask, 'What the hell took them so long?' And how are we ever to feel safe and protected in light of how this criminal matter was handled? No time during the three years of such demeaning assaults on women of this community, did warnings or postings of any kind appear telling us of this masked, naked lunatic -a predator hiding out in the dunes of our very own beaches. The police had to be aware early on that a pattern of behavior was evolving. You say in your article that the East Hampton police said: "the man had been a thorn in the side of many different departments for years. They thought he was the man they were looking for."

THEY THOUGHT? Well, while they were busy thinking, too many innocent women, women of all sizes, shapes and ages, were thrown to the ground, their faces mashed into the course white sand while a sick individual attempted his sexual attacks. Had I learned about just one of those incidents early on, I doubt I would have strolled happily along our pristine beaches alone. Had I known I would have also warned my friends and family. In a place where everybody knows everybody, including who kissed who and where, I find it hard to believe the authorities didn't have more on Mr. Giraldi to stop him dead in his tracks.

Lastly, I feel the issue of Giraldi's ethnic background was never an issue until you mentioned it in your story. Most of us are wise enough to acknowledge crime has no color or creed. Crime is crime and should be punished. Unfortunately though, Giraldi may serve his time and perhaps one-day walk as a free man, while his victims you can bet, will never fully recuperate from the trauma of his vicious acts. That's what we should focus on.

S. Berger
Bridgehampton

This situation needed to see the light of day.–DR

AND JUSTICE FOR ALL

Dear Dan,

I was delighted to see the "Open Wide" article that was published in the November 3rd issue of *Dan's Papers,* but extremely disappointed that it no longer appears online. The illustration was perfect and the article was essential to warn the general public about this particular schemer, Robert George "Dr. Bob" Veligdan.

Interestingly, one of the victims, Mia Lancaster, was at the National Arts Club last week and overheard a man who had sponsored Robert Veligdan for membership at the same club, mention to his companion that Veligdan had threatened to sue the press. Subsequently, I received an email from PRWeb stating that Veligdan had threatened to sue PRWeb for libel and the next thing I knew, "Open Wide" was not appearing on Google searches for "Robert Veligdan." I imagined that Veligdan had threatened you, too, and that you removed the article from appearing on Google searches.

Dan, I have always respected your unique style of reporting and I want to continue a positive relationship with you and your paper. Please know that every word of the press release was taken from legal papers on file with the courts here in New York, New York.

The attorney of record for Veligdan's victims, Rocky Aoki, Petra Mielke and Mia Lancaster, is Martin S. Streit, Esq., 386 Park Avenue South, Suite 1914, New York, New York, 10016; telephone 212- 532 3255.

The facts of the PRWeb News Release were painstakingly reviewed and revised for accuracy. Robert Veligdan is accurately portrayed in the release I authored, and the facts are totally and taken right out of the legal papers filed in the court cases cited in the PRWeb release.

Dan, kindly notify me what documents you require to ensure the continued appearance of "Open Wide" online and in response to Google searches. I am informed by the victims that any and all documents will be provided to you upon request.

I also will forward to you separately an email from the attorney; Mr. Martin S. Streit addressed to PRWeb.

Many thanks for your courteous attention.

All best regards.

Stephanie Parker
Regent Public Relations
Via e-mail

The wheels of justice shall commence to grind. –DR

Police Blotter

Scrimshaw

A scrimshawed elephant tusk, estimated to be worth about $3,000, was stolen from a glass cabinet at a local vendor's store in Sag Harbor. Employees of the store told authorities that a similar scrimshawed tusk was stolen from the same cabinet twelve years prior to the incident. Needless to say, the employees that work at this store are very loyal. Also needless to say, somebody is building a life-sized model of an elephant with scrimshawed tusks. Very, very slowly.

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Party House

A very unhappy man in Water Mill called police after determining that somebody had entered his home and held several parties at the location from late October through all of November. The owner of the house told police that beer cans, wine bottles and other physical evidence had been left at the home by the partiers. He also found that strange phone calls had been made from his house phone. Perhaps he just didn't get the invitation.

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What An Ass

Some drunk guy in Hampton Bays was arrested after he was seen yelling obscenities in the parking lot of a shopping center. He then went up to a patrol car and damaged the rear window of the car by smashing his own head into it.

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Dump Truck

Police pulled over the driver of a dump truck and arrested him for driving while intoxicated. Police recovered evidence of the crime in the form of empty beer bottles gathered from the back of the truck.

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Creepy Guy

At about five in the morning a woman in East Hampton was hanging out at home when she saw a man walk in the door of her apartment. The man then proceeded to sit next to her on the couch. The woman called police, but did not press charges on the man. It is pretty safe to say, however, that this guy is a total weirdo.

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Bad Boy

Police were called when a boy refused to leave an Internet lounge in East Hampton after he was caught looking at porn on the Internet. Finally, the boy's mother took him home, and hopefully, took away his computer privileges.

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Thirteen Inches?

A Springs man reported to police that somebody had entered his home and stole a thirteen-inch television set. Thirteen inches? That thief did you a favor, buddy.

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Doh!

An angry resident called police after he watched his next-door neighbor begin building a fence in the middle of his driveway. After further investigation, police determined that neighbor did, in fact, own that part of the property, and that he had the right to build whatever he wanted on it.

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Library Break In

Somebody broke into the library in Greenport and stole about $200 in cash and a digital camera. How one steals from a library is beyond me. That's like stealing from a food pantry. It's just low, even for a criminal.

–Written and Compiled by David Lion Rattiner

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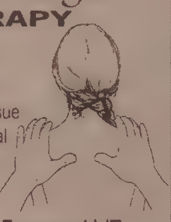

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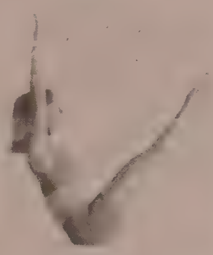

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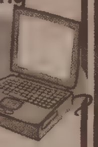

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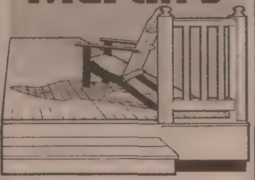

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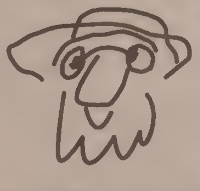

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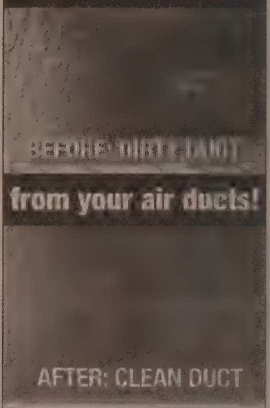

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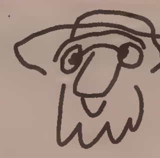

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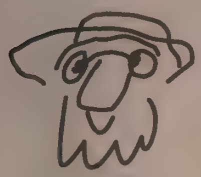

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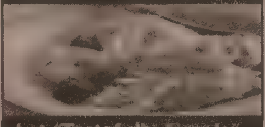

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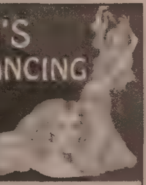

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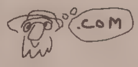

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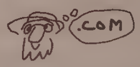

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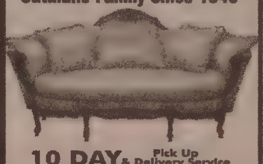

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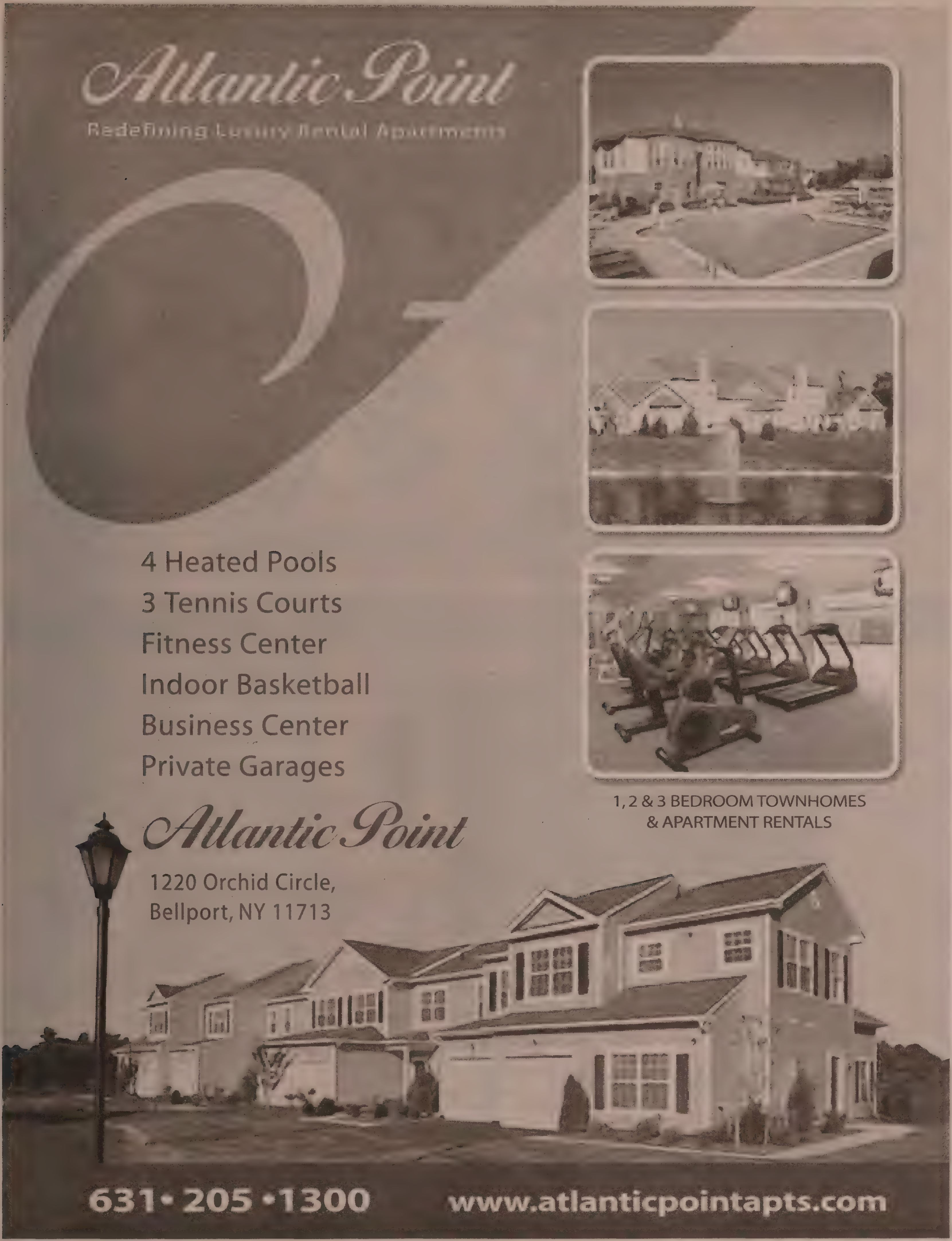

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Williams III to Colette BUZZETTA, 18 Hand Lane, **2,910,000**
Wylie Trust to Craig & Erin REICHER, 31 Oceanview Lane, **2,900,000**

BRIDGEHAMPTON

Holbrook to Joanna GROVER-WATSON, 49 Butter Lane **1,600,000**
357 Brick Kiln LLC to COUNTY OF SUFFOLK, Brick Kiln Road, **3,500,000**
Oetker to Pierre SARKOZY, 216 Sagaponack Road, **4,650,000**
DAS Properties LLC to Jennifer & Robert JAMES, 14 Dannielles Way, **5,100,000**

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Buzzetta to Edna & Michele ABELES, 45 Talmage Lane **1,335,000**
Bellone to Christina & Samir PATEL, 18 North Bay Lane, **1,925,000**
Clark to Steven LINDER 216 Bull Path, **1,365,000**
Astorr to Alexander TALASKO 61 Osborne Lane, **1,400,000**
Enger to Christopher ARNDT, Patricia JEN-ARNDT, 39 Harbor Hill Ln, **1,560,000**
132 North Main St. LLC to NORTH BUILDING LLC, 132 North Main St. **3,700,000**
Fisher Trust to Charlotte & Gary DEPERSIA, 1 Hedge Row Lane **2,291,250**
Ruddy to Toby FELDMAN, 209 Old Northwest Road **3,250,000**

EAST QUOGUE

Piazza to Luis BUSTAMANTE, West Side Avenue, **1,500,000**
Addeo to FLEMING ROAD LLC, 88 Tuthill Road, **1,800,000**
Hausman to David & Lisa WELSH, 240 West Lake Drive, **2,425,000**

MATTITUCK

Bauer to Tracey ARNELL & Albert CUADRA, 3965 Mill Lane **1,670,000**

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Geller to Tracey KEEGAN & Matthew PETERS, 25 Seaview Ave **1,046,250**
Barletta to Michael MEOTTI, 91 Surfside Avenue **1,200,000**
Greenbaum to Thomas CREEL & Carol LOCASCIO, 66 Soundview Dr. **1,550,500**

NORTH SEA

DeNoto to 22 WEST HILLS COURT CORPORATION, West Hills Court, **1,175,000**

NOYACK

Flanigan to Charles & Lian ROBINS, 2222 Noyack Road, **1,250,000**

QUIOGUE

Dirkes to Howard Jr. DIRKES & Phyllis PALMER, 29 Ogden Lane East, **1,150,000**
Scheinberg to Jeffrey ROTHBERG, 16 Old Fields Lane, **1,338,000**
Sorenson to Eric LOMAS, 8 Woodbridge Lane, **2,385,000**

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Est. Beinecke to Spiro NIKOLOPOULOS, 8 Basket Neck Lane, **1,500,000**
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Toscano to 4 BS REALTY VIII SH BRICK AND TILE LLC, Leecon Court. **1,200,000**
DeCarlo to Sitara KHAN & Reza NAGHAVI, 14 Sandringham Lane, **1,510,000**
Salamone to PARRISH POND LANE LLC 32 Parrish Pond Lane, **3,150,000**
Amey to Brian CONNORS & Joseph KUNDRAT, 284 Hill Street **1,500,000**
Giufurta to Scott KLANSKY & Patricia ROPERTO, 66 Old Town Crossing **1,900,000**
Est. Deniff to 44 MEADOWMERE LLC, 44 Meadowmere Place **2,800,000**

WATER MILL

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Winslow to Janis BRONSTEIN, 5 Phoebe Scoys Rd, **960,000**

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Masters to RUSSELL TRUST, 4 Pine Tree Court, **535,000**
East End Performance Prop. LLC to KENNEDY TRUST, , 11 Sunset Av. **880,000**

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Moeck to John & Margaret TONER, 1060 Sigsbee Road, **639,000**

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Peristein, BRIAN FLYNN TRUST, 21 South Fulton Drive **645,000**
Hasselman Trust to Jesie HABEL & Thomas LAVIN, 136 Greenwich St. **670,000**
Rogers to Ronald SCHWINGER, 7 Sycamore Lane, **900,000**
Korn Trust to George & Patricia YORK, 75 Wood Drive, **975,000**

NORTH SEA

Rankin to Richard HOLBROOKE & Kati MARTON, Noyack Road **600,000**
Gregory to Robert & William GRIGO, Big Fresh Pond Road, **615,000**

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Johnson to Josh PAIS, 40 Long Beach Lane, **660,000**

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Harter, , BRYAN, Edgar, OWENS, Laura, 430 Orchard Street, **755,000**

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Wahl to John BURNS & Amy MAGUIRE-BURNS, 185 Shore Lane **760,000**

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Riverhead Sound Assoc. LLC Maureen SULLIVAN, 16 Foxglove Row **542,060**
Riverhead Sound Assoc. LLC Lawrence HEIMOWITZ, 61 Bellflower Court **587,240**
Riverhead Sound Assoc. LLC to Martha JAECKLE, 23 Foxglove Row, **625,905**
Hahn-Palmieri Trust to Emilie & Michael COREY, 2 Waterview Court, **900,000**

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Orsolino to Lynn & Paul PINTO, 25 Cambridge Court, **950,000**
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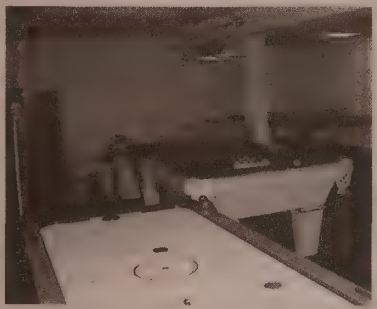

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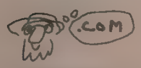

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New to Market! Two story home offers spectacular sunsets and waterviews from it's shy half acre location, high on hilltop. 4BR/3Bth, LR w/fpl Kit w/views and sliders out to spacious deck. Guest quarters w/bath, storage, garage. By appt. only. Co-Exclusive, reasonably priced @$925,000.

Montauk - Just listed! Neat and Clean and affordable Studio Co-op at the cozy Beach Plum Resort across from ocean beach. Updated efficiency kitchen, new carpeting, and sold furnished. Private back yard, low maintenance, excellent rental history. Exclusive & reasonable, $189,500.

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Realtor Listings

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Village Secret A hidden treasure sits on 1.3 acres of rolling lawns and mature trees located steps from Village of Bridgehampton. 2 story Victorian gem offers 5 bedrooms, 2 baths, eat in kitchen & formal dining room. Original hardwood flooring & period details, including a clawfoot tub. 2 car garage and room for pool and possibly tennis. Excellent investment. Exclusive $2,499,000 F#59500 Call Paul Brennan x103 or Ron White x128

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Southampton Post Modern-Brand new with all the bells and whistles *this 2 story home is centrally located* and close to bay beaches. Beautifully appointed including custom kitchen with granite counter tops, formal dining area, oak flooring and central air/ vac systems. Outside amenities include sprinkler system, cobblestone drive and room for pool. Must see to appreciate! Exclusive $899,000 #47168 Call Lynda Ireland x104

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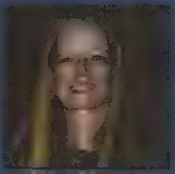
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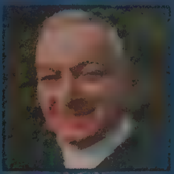
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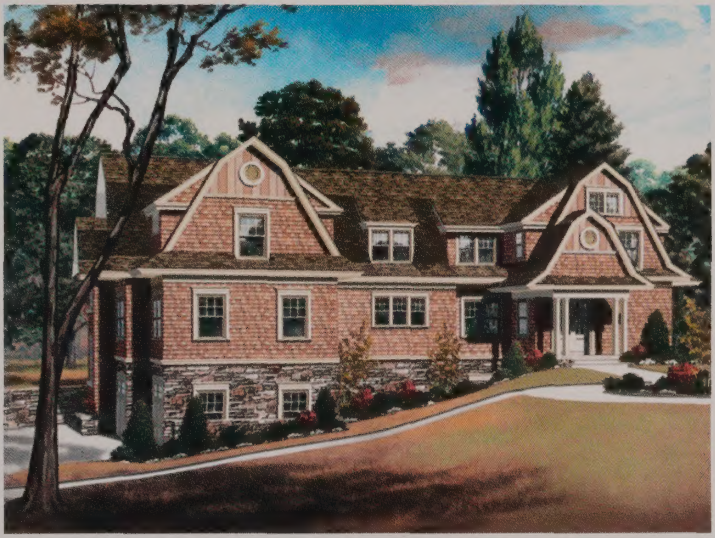

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